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John Clark Ridpath Reviews the Life of James G. Blaine.

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His Entire Career Was Picturesque and Dramatic—His Achievements in Statesmanship and Literature—Hopes and Triumphs of His Later Years.

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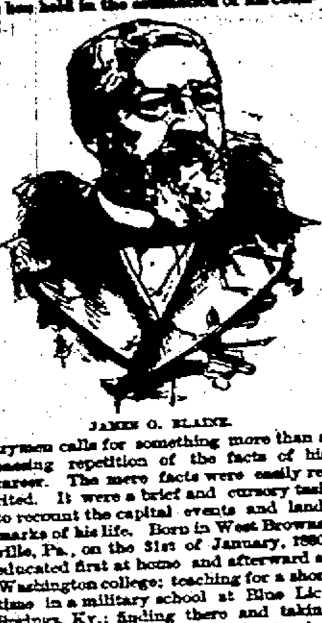
> Slow sinks, more glorious ere his race be run,
> Along Morea's hills the setting sun—
> Not as in northern climes obscurely bright,
> But one unclouded blaze of living light.
> —Byron.

It is the day of Endymion—the hour of the setting sun! The splendid orb which has shone for more than a quarter of a century across the landscape of civilization glide with his last beams the dome of the Capitol! He is gone!

We may now estimate dispassionately the life and genius of JAMES GILLESPIE BLAINE. The conspicuous place which he has held in the estimation of his coun-



JAMES G. BLAINE.

trymen calls for something more than a passing repetition of the facts of his career. The mere facts were easily recited. It were a brief and cursory task to recount the capital events and landmarks of his life. Born in West Brownsville, Pa., on the 31st of January, 1830; educated first at home and afterward at Washington college; teaching for a short time in a military school at Blue Lick Springs, Ky.; finding there and taking in marriage Harriet Stanwood, a teacher like himself; returning to his native state to teach in Philadelphia; going with his young wife to her home in Maine and making that state his future home; editor at twenty-four of the Kennebec Journal; associate editor of the Portland Advertiser; bounding into politics; reaching the legislature of Maine and then a seat in congress; seven terms a member of the house of representatives and for six years speaker of that body; briefly in the senate—an arena unsuited to his genius; aspiring to the presidency; four times voted for in national conventions of his party and once nominated; twice secretary of state in the cabinets of his competitors; leader of his party; publicist; diplomatist of the first rank; creator of policies national and international; statesman, author, man of genius, and therefore an enigma—such have been the critical stages and evolutions of this remarkable career.

But biographical annals do not suffice in the case before us. The so called life of Blaine is already a twice-told tale. It is known in the quick memories of his countrymen and to the world. Blaine deserves rather—now that outward bound he passes the remotest bar of human vision—to be fairly estimated, justly interpreted to the understandings of his countrymen, revealed without partiality, faithfully portrayed upon the screen in the backward look of memory.

Blaine was favorably but paradoxically born—favorably, because of the emplacement of his birth. Pennsylvania is one of the empire states of the Union. Out of her borders many of the great have arisen. But he also came paradoxically. He was born in a Quaker commonwealth and of the cross blood of a Presbyterian and a Catholic! Was he not from birth the product of contradictory conditions and inconsistent elements of life?

It concerns us little to note the circumstances in the early career of James G. Blaine. His ambitions, intellectual powers and easy attainments were remarked from his boyhood. Tradition has made it evident that he was a youth of unusual powers. Glimpses of great purpose flash out here and there. His collegiate training at Washington college was not unfavorable to the promotion of his native forces. As a youth he gained much by forensic practice. Contention made him, or at least gave him, his bent. Already at college he gathered many of the historical, literary and scientific resources which were to stand him so well in hand in his riper years.

Blaine's mind was one of those that are particularly susceptible to the influences of education and environment. The completed man, as he appeared in this remarkable personage, was very different from the completed man as he is discovered in such characters as Franklin and Lincoln. Henry, Thaddeus Stevens and Lincoln. Blaine from his earlier years grew and assimilated to himself all the sap and potency of his surroundings; he flourished in his soil and sprang from the arena.

We may pass by the somewhat obscure influences of his domestic estate. The world knows that in this regard he was not a happy or an inspired man. This has been true of too many of our recent great Americans. Somehow or other in American life it rarely happens nowadays—though it seemed to happen in the colonial epoch often—that the domestic reaction upon the man of genius and purpose works out its most beneficent results. Blaine has been indeed singularly unfortunate in his family. Many have died. The most promising has lately fallen; others are broken with hurt. Doubtless the proud man, as husband and father, has suffered much and wept bitter tears over his losses and wounds. May all these be closed—as they will be—with the closing of the grave!

Blaine's rise to public notice was auspicious, but not singular. He entered easily and successfully into the stormy life of politics. He devoted himself to that pursuit with native zest under the sharp spur of an unusually active ambition. His early experiences in journalism stood him well in hand. The period in which he held the editorial pen was precisely that in which the old style of explosive and redundant oratory was giving place to the sounder and truer forms of speech.

The transformation demanded that the orator of the new period should be a man of exact language and cogent argument. Blaine's quick and capacious mind conformed readily and in excellent measure to the new demand, and when he advanced to the national platform he went with the equipment of perfect linguistic forms, a fair measure of imagination and ever-improving argumentative re-[illegible]

The editorial career of Blaine had an intrinsic as well as secondary merit. By his pen he commanded his first public applause. The young Republican party had the Pathfinder for its candidate. Blaine was in at the birth. He was then twenty-six years of age. He was a delegate to the audacious convention which nominated Fremont for the presidency. Such a candidate was worthy of such support. The aspiring young Maine editor made his columns flame with passion and appeal. Glorious spring days were those when human liberty began to revive! Happy fortune of the young man of 1856 to appear on the stage when truth was put on trial; when party debate had not yet degenerated into wrangle, intrigue and falsehood; when the defense of principle still promised as fair reward as is now promised for hateful subserviency to the caucus! Blaine's virgin editorials were eagerly sought by the journalists of Boston and were reprinted in Ohio and Michigan. His name was already heard as far as Minnehaha and the Platte.

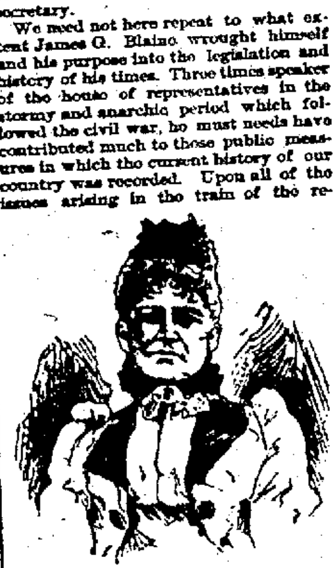
James G. Blaine entered the house of representatives in 1863 to continue in active service in that body for fourteen consecutive years. This was the period in which he achieved his national reputation. He was one of the many aspiring young civilians upon whom the after forces and passions of the great war played and reacted with striking effect. In proportion as his faculties were stronger and his ambitions more prevalent than those of his fellow members he rose above them until only a few competitors remained of like stature and mettle. On one side was seen in the same rank with himself the persistent Garfield, and on the other the magnificent and arrogant Conkling. These three perhaps already saw the presidency afar off. They also saw each other. Not all of them could reach the goal.

Blaine at this epoch had many advantages. In addition to native gifts and well earned attainments he had the power of growth. He was always a growing man. To the end of his career—or very nearly to the end—he continued to branch and flourish. His growth was strong and conspicuous. Each year added to his stature. His figure, his intellectual and personal life, became picturesque and striking.

Herein is a difference between the strong man and the weak. The strong man grows long and well. The weak man grows for a short space and then grows no more. He has a brief efflorescence and then a dwarfish delivery of sour fruit! But the strong man grows and continues to flourish in thought and spirit to the end of his days.

It were not amiss to ascribe to James G. Blaine this unusual power of development. Have his last years been years of weakness? Has there been in him intellectual decline? Has he had an epoch of senility and the second childhood of old age? Nay, the last estate has not been of this color in the case of the great secretary.

We need not here repeat to what extent James G. Blaine wrought himself and his purpose into the legislation and history of his times. Three times speaker of the house of representatives in the stormy and anarchic period which followed the civil war, he must needs have contributed much to those public measures in which the current history of our country was recorded. Upon all of the issues arising in the train of the re-



MRS. BLAINE.

bellion he laid a strong and ambitious hand. He was a determinative force in the financial measures upon which the business and wealth of the United States have found a profitable but unstable equilibrium. He pressed forward with ceaseless activity the measures of reconstruction. He ascended the sharp and jutting crag of party leadership. With the statesman's motive, not unmixed with the motive of the politician, he flung himself into the heated and imbittered debates of the epoch.

The legislative career of Blaine was touched in many parts with the first penciling of those policies with which his name has become associated. Already we may discover in the tone of his debates and the spirit of his outside speeches the outgivings of those views which as secretary of state he was to develop into permanency and system.

Ever and anon while still in the house of representatives he struck out with original force the first sparks of that policy between which and the high jingoism of British politics so many points of similarity may be discovered. It may be defined as the policy of *acute Americanism!* It develops itself into the theory of the complete segregation of the American republics and of the affiliation of all under the ægis of the United States. It is a form of patriotic indignation of which one of the fundamental principles is attachment to the Irish cause and aversion to British influences on this side of the sea. It is probable that the doctrine of protection, to which Blaine gave such powerful and rational advocacy, was by him held as secondary to the deeper motive of American self sufficiency and of the confirmation of the United States in the primacy of the three Americas.

Blaine's whole career in congress was spectacular and dramatic. The genius of the man favored display and great acting. Without doubt Blaine had the power to grasp a situation, to extract from it its dramatic elements and to work those elements into a scene. In this particular American history has not furnished his equal. His audacity always stood him well in hand. Time and again he was brought into collision with dangerous men and still more dangerous facts. It may be doubted whether in such contingencies he ever suffered discouragement, to say nothing of defeat. Time and again he issued from the most serious complications, portending ruin to his fortunes, with victory on his crest. In such contests there is little doubt that he was capable of supplying in his own case, by well placed fiction and unsupported declamation, those elements of fact which truth withheld. In the crises of his career he was wont to shoot the rapids like a skillful and daring boatman. There were days when his proud ship and valuable cargo were crowded hard between Scylla and Charybdis, but he always went through with a shout and was answered by the roar of the surrounding seas.

We may here refer at once to Blaine's personal antagonisms and ever recurring

encounters. No other American statesman of great rank has had so many and such serious battles. Some were battles with men and others with circumstances. These cost the gladiator dearly. It was his antagonism, be it said, that finally stranded him on the shores this side of the White House. He attacked, and attacked bitterly, all of his rivals. He seemed to be inspired with the belief that he must vanquish them and put them down. As he rose toward the speakership, and from the speakership toward the presidency, he discerned with clear eye the facts and the men with whom he had to contend. There was Roscoe Conkling for one. Blaine attacked Conkling, and in that hour Nemesis looked down from the gallery! He eyed Morton askance. He saw Garfield with a jealousy which became acute as Garfield pressed up to his flank. His impetuosity knew no bounds. At times it seemed that he could not curb himself. He flung sarcasms and ironies and invectives by the handful. They struck where they might. His was to be a leadership by conquest and by the humiliation of the foe.

In Blaine there was, however, a strong mingling of the calm, the judicial, the conservative method. Strange how just he could be! The house of representatives never had a better or fairer speaker. His personality in the desk was immense. As presiding officer he not only won but merited universal respect. His rulings were impartial. His eye had the glance of the eagle, and his pose and self possession were magnificent. He was capable of justice and truth. He would not brook such infamy as the caucus occasionally propounded. At one time he was well nigh losing the allegiance of his party by a defiant counter ruling in favor of the Democracy. The strange thing about Blaine was that though he in that crisis set himself against the first force bill with the determination of duty and truth we are still left doubtful whether he was inspired with the belief that his ruling was good politics for himself or whether he felt the power of the speaker's oath upon his conscience.

If Blaine attacked his great rivals with all the resources of his genius, what shall we say of the onset upon the political foe in both houses? The recriminations of the war were hot within. There was one spectacular episode after another. Did Blaine purposely devise and plan the situation and the day of his famous deliverances? At any rate he provoked Benjamin H. Hill and made him his foil. Jefferson Davis should not be pensioned as a Mexican veteran—not indeed because he had been president of the Confederacy, but because he had been responsible for Andersonville and Libby! That indeed was a bombshell. It exploded, and the roar of it was heard to California. Vainly did the man of Georgia rally and countercharge and assail. He was vanquished, and the plume of Blaine was the one conspicuous sign seen above the field.

The age following the civil war was corrupt. That word, in its radical sense, means broken up and confounded. The times conformed exactly to this definition. The sluices of a redundant currency flowed bankful through every channel. Victory had come and brought power to the victors; patriotism had great profit! Hitherto the scrutiny of the American people had not been acute. Many unseeable things had remained unseen, and many other things were blinked at. They who now had full sway felt the reins loosely thrown on the neck. They had freedom, license and vast opportunity.

It were impossible to say how many of the prominent men of that epoch enriched themselves by ways which, if not positively dark, were at least obscure. Men dabbled and dabbled again. Now it was, however, that the sharp eyes of rivalry began to penetrate the processes of semitheft that were flourishing on every side. Leaders began to discover that other leaders were dishonest. Credit Mobilier exploded with a great smell. Many were blown away. How easy in this wise to dispose of our rival! Would that Blaine himself might be thus destroyed! We will try it. He has purchased railway bonds. He has received moneys from the Union Pacific. He is waist deep in the securities of the Little Rock and Fort Smith railway. He shall be investigated. Mulligan shall produce his letters. We will have a scene. It is the 5th of June, 1876. Blaine rises from the speaker's desk and holds aloft a bundle of papers. It is the incriminating package. He himself will read them through one by one. Certainly he has humiliation and mortification to do it, but he will read them! Courage is necessary for such a task, but the letters must be read. "I invite the confidence of 44,000,000 of my countrymen while I read these letters from this desk." The reading was completed. None could have done it better. The speaker then turned upon the chairman of the committee and scornfully charged him with purposely withholding and suppressing a communication which would have absolutely exonerated him from the charges which had been circulated against his honor. The crisis broke in another triumph, perhaps the most dramatic and sensational ever witnessed in the house of representatives.

Blaine has been held to stern account by the American people in the matter of the Mulligan correspondence. So be it. He is neither wholly cleared nor wholly condemned. The transaction was ambiguous and tortuous. In the retrospect it hath ugliness. It should be said, however, that Blaine in this matter was more to be blamed for acting and tergiversation than he was for the original business. This trait has been one of the prime weaknesses of the great character before us. While he possessed many kinds of audacity he was lacking in a certain element of moral courage. It was the bane of his life to have a weakness at certain points where he should have been strong. Satan never uttered a more sterling truth than when he said, "Spirit, to be weak is to be miserable." Blaine in some particulars has been both weak and miserable. If, for example, he had simply said, "I made honorable purchase of railway bonds; it is nobody's business, and what are you going to do about it?" the matter would have ended.

James G. Blaine would be president of the United States. This was the dominant passion of his soul and life. Whatever interposed between him and his purpose was in the nature of an eclipse. It is a strange thing that American statesmen have not yet learned that the presidency of the United States goes by accident and indirection, and not by ambition, contrivance and endeavor. Who has long sought the presidency and gained it? The great office not only goes without the ambition of the winner, but with little regard to his merit. Blaine strove for twenty-five years to reach the presidency. He paid down the honest coin of great talents and great endeavor. He had merit and accomplishment. His capacity for the highest place has not been questioned by any. America has not produced a man who in native gifts and brilliant attainments was more fitted for the presidential office than James G. Blaine.

But he missed it! It was with him a quest and struggle of Tantalus. Once and again the glittering prize was within his grasp. At Cincinnati in 1876 only [illegible]

[illegible] votes were [illegible] tion. Certainly had he been nominated he would have [illegible] Hayes. In fact [illegible] his rivals looked [illegible] and Blaine was beaten. In [illegible] 1880 he was again [illegible] and well nigh successful. In [illegible] nation would certainly have brought election, as it brought the prize to Garfield.

Four years more, and the man from Maine captures the presidential choice and is launched on the sea of the campaign. He manages his own campaign. The antecedents of [illegible] are composed. The two pivotal states are won, and then, on the eve of the election, the greatest of the two is suddenly transferred to the enemy by a fanatical personal incident which brought defeat to the great leader and gave to an unknown preacher such fame as Empedocles got for jumping into Ætna!

THE HOUSE WHERE MR. BLAINE DIED.

The quest went on. Another four year period passed, and Blaine stood dubiously on the horizon. Of a certainty he might have had the nomination. Probably he would have taken it but for the belief which he doubtlessly entertained that at least one of the pivotal states would vote against him. The man whom he had employed four years before as his lawyer walked off with the prize and strode into the White House! A second time Blaine is secretary of state. It might well appear that the phantom of the presidency had now vanished, but not so. Probably it never vanished from the mind of any one who has once seen the vision. Could we penetrate the mind of Blaine during the last quadrennium of his life we should see the cross currents of early ambitions and of mature reason flowing together and breaking in long lines of foam.

They who find interest in such facts as national conventions, and who suppose that bodies of that kind are really forces in human history, may well discover food in the Minneapolis convention of 1892. Let it be said that if ever Blaine was outwitted by a competitor it was by Benjamin Harrison! With the approach of the presidential year Blaine found himself impeded with obstacles, weighted with circumstances, hobbled with unbreakable official relations, and, worst of all, weakened with the approach of age. The fire still burned within him, but the volcano was less active than of old. The result was that the upflaming of his ambition at Minneapolis was only a fitful glare. He blazed feebly and went out. Partisanship had kindled its fires on all the surrounding heights, and the light of the great luminary was quenched in the crackle of the officeholders' bonfire!

We thus have the remarkable spectacle of a man who has been five times consecutively before the national conventions of his party, and always preferred by his party to any other competitor whomsoever, and always greater than his competitor, whoever that might be—greater in the sense that he was better qualified for the presidency of the United States than any who stood against him—and yet but one time nominated and never elected. It is a repetition of the irony of fate.

We may here note the reactionary effect of this long continued, arduous and unsuccessful struggle upon the great actor himself. This effect has been that which generally comes to great character under such trials and abrasion of destiny. It is the effect of discipline—the improvement of human nature by the hardships of experience, by sorrow and by defeat. It were not far from true to say that James G. Blaine has been more improved in his moral and intellectual nature and in his purposes and methods and theories of statesmanship by the various hurts and disappointments of his career than have any of his rivals by their successes, however great.

Blaine's character had been lifted up and perfected in a remarkable degree, and it is an astonishing fact that whatever is true and lasting in his statesmanship and the most of that which is beautiful in his personal life have come from the hard discipline of the last fifteen years. The fact is that Blaine in the hour of the setting sun has not been far from true greatness as it is measured by historical standards. He has come to this by tribulation rather than by glory. His spirit has been moderated, chastened and purified from dross by the buffetings to which he has been exposed and by the very ruin of his political fortunes.

Something of the same fact has been seen in many great Americans. It was seen pre-eminently in Lincoln, though Lincoln was always great. It was seen in Samuel J. Tilden. It was seen and exemplified most strikingly in that other conspicuously successful American before whose stubborn front Blaine himself quailed and went back in 1884.

In his last years the life of James G. Blaine stood forth in striking outline against the horizon. He was always sustained by a following which never drew back or doubted. His magnetic power and great personality prevailed to the last. The excellence of method as well as the sterling genius of the man shone forth with unusual luster and flashed fine light into every department of his activity.

In the literary work to which he gave himself at all times, according to opportunity, but more particularly in the last decade of his career, we discover an unmistakable superiority. Many of our public men have essayed something in the way of permanent production. With most it has ended with the trial. Politics and literature are not bedfellows. The one puts the other out. There is not much concord between Belial and the angel. In a few great minds, however, there has been union of the literary and the political faculty, and this was preeminently true of Blaine. The country ought to have been more astonished than it was at the excellence, the greatness of his book. "Twenty Years of Congress" is one of many such works; but taking them all in all, from Benton's "Thirty Years' View" to [illegible] Cox's "Three Decades," Blaine's work is distinctly and emphatically the best.

As an author he is [illegible] of the [illegible] of Benton. As a statesman he showed himself to have been, with his pen at least, incapable of the partisanship and [illegible] passion of Cox. As a [illegible] of fact, there is hardly a more [illegible] or rational work on the public history of our country than is the "Twenty Years of Congress." In no other part of his product are Blaine's capacity and his better temper shown to so great advantage. The [illegible]

[illegible] What has James G. [illegible] to his age and country? [illegible]

Blaine has contributed something to his age and country. He has been a living, inspiring force among the motives of American patriotism. Let us consider [illegible] to him [illegible] and in so doing discover the essential patriotism of his nature. It would be difficult to find in his whole life aught that was inconsistent with this interpretation of his character. His public career of more than thirty years, ever widening and deepening in the channels of national life, has been an example of patriotic devotion to American institutions. The very vices of his statesmanship [illegible] had a [illegible] zest and vitality. If he fought off the Chinese it was because he was blinded with his passionate Americanism. The great idea with Blaine seems to have been the establishment of a complete republican autonomy in this [illegible] tion. He desired the individuality and glory of America. He was anxiously inspired with the sight of his country's flag. Nor may we well, now that this remarkable career is ended, speak lightly of that fervid, unwavering passion which Blaine ever displayed at the very mention of his country's name.

It is well that such an example should have been set in a high place of our national life. The young men of our country have seen it from afar, and in proportion as they have imbibed from this fountain they are better and truer than if they had drunk from the cold and dribbling waterspouts of the caucus. Let us hope and believe that the living part of Blaine has entered into union with the soul of his country, and that the American nation will feel through several ages the warmth of his surviving blood and genius.

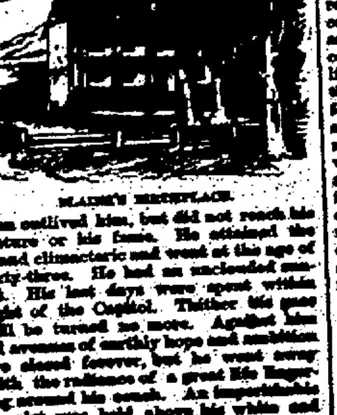
In the next place Blaine has demonstrated that a man can be great without success. This proposition has a strange sound in American ears. It is against the teaching of the schools. Our doctrine is that only the man who is elected is anything; the other is nothing. Blaine has shown that the man who is not elected is greater than the other. As a matter of fact, few examples in the history of the world have been more inspiriting than that of Blaine in the last period of his life. Note the esteem in which he is held by his countrymen. Mark well his reputation in foreign lands. In England, in France, in Germany, Italy, Russia, to the ends of civilization, it was Blaine who was known and honored. After Grant he is the only recent American who has been thus distinguished with cosmopolitan fame. Let him be known as the great secretary and honored as the man who survived and flourished and won the esteem of the world without the occupancy of the White House.

Blaine was a civilian. Though he had the instincts of battle, it was the battle of mind, the contention of thought, in which he delighted. Though he was an intense patriot, it is doubtful whether he had pleasure in the struggle of the battlefield and the clamor of arms. Though his activities belonged to the age which was shaken by the greatest war of modern times, he participated in it only to the extent of considering its sequences and deducing from it its best results for his country.

Blaine was not only American; he was pan-American. Nothing less than all Americanism could satisfy him or even appease his purpose and ambition. He was also pan-republican. His congress of American republics, if not a brilliant success, was at least reputable. The project issued from his fecundity and was his. It was the potential beginning of an American state system which might stand in likeness and counterpoise of that European state system which has been the woof of political history since the treaty of Westphalia. Blaine would unify the policies and methods of the American republics, and they should all flourish because the great republic flourishes and is in the lead. More practical still was the movement for intercontinental railways. Hudson's bay and Argentina should shake hands. Chicago and Buenos Ayres should greet. Boston should receive by rail from the Grand Chaco. The bull hides of the pampas should be hung up green in the tanneries of Buffalo, and the Fuegians should wear new prints from the mills of Providence. The scheme was like the man. It pleased his genius, and by and by it shall be transmuted from imagination and vision into reality.

Blaine is gone. No more shall this striking figure attract the gaze of two hemispheres. But his memory shall survive long, and his influence will stream out far into the coming century. In the shadows of the last hours we have sincere grief for his going. Would that he might have lived longer! There are tears of true affection at the open door of his tomb.

Blaine outlived nearly all of his great contemporaries. He saw every Union general of the first rank and every Confederate general of the first rank, with the single exception of Longstreet, go down to the grave. He survived nearly all of his competitors in civil life. Sher-



BLAINE'S BIRTHPLACE.

man outlived him, but did not reach his stature or his fame. He attained the grand climacteric and went at the age of sixty-three. He had an unclouded sunset. His last days were spent within sight of the Capitol. Thither his gaze will be turned no more. Against him all avenues of earthly hope and ambition are closed forever, but he went away with the radiance of a great life lingering around his couch. An imperishable chaplet was held above his white and honored head, and the weeping genius of his country hid for awhile her face when his spirit issued forth into the dawn.

JOHN CLARK RIDPATH.

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"I must see her [illegible] "You shall this very day. [illegible]

"[illegible]" [illegible]

"Alas!" [illegible]

He was trembling with [illegible] as the [illegible] hurried the old man along, and [illegible] ing the temple he ran up to his room and brought down his electric light apparatus, long unused, [illegible] few touches to be in working order. Meanwhile Ikiapel had brushed away a covering of [illegible] from the ground floor of the temple, revealing a large trapdoor, and when Eric arrived he told him to lift it up. It was not easily moved, however, and took several minutes of effort, but it yielded at last, and they descended a ladder into a room about forty-five feet wide, in the masonry of which was imbedded many decorated yellow slabs, with a glazing similar to common modern earthenware.

In an instant the light had flooded every crevice with a dazzling brilliancy and showed to Eric's eyes a sight that made his heart beat with a slow emotion. He stood by a boat so ancient that beside it the pyramids seem young. It was about thirty-seven feet in length and twelve feet wide. The bow was high and terminated in a swan's head and neck, well carved and curving gracefully. The bow was decked over for about four feet, and the lines of the vessel, although somewhat clumsily designed, showed much nautical knowledge. She had eight wide thwarts, and had evidently carried a mast located in the center of the boat, as there was a round aperture in one thwart. There were deep, round notches in the outer edge of the gunwale, evidently made by the abrasion of paddles, for thus she must have been propelled, as there was no evidence of oars or any other appliance for their use.

The wood of which she was built was as hard as iron and as black. Great studs of pure gold occurred at intervals just under her gunwale, evidently forming at one time prominent features of a painted decorative border which had been obliterated in the blackness of years. On her bottom he found barnacles, black and brittle, proving that she had once voyaged at sea for a long period.

It was with a creeping feeling—a shudder of involuntary awe—that Eric gazed upon this wondrous relic, and it was several minutes before he summoned composure to examine it minutely. In the bottom of the boat lay several large water urns and a bundle of spears, each with its shaft split and a flint spearhead inserted in it. No vestige of the lashings of gut remained. They had long ago decayed. On the stern [illegible] ed an oblong block. Eric picked it up and knew at once that it was metal.

"Can it be copper?" he thought, and taking his knife he sliced a small piece from it. Lo, it was bronze, rudely engraved with characters slightly resembling Phoenician writing! A slab of bronze! What was it doing here? Ikiapel did not know what it was, but he said that there was once a knife made of the same metal in Atalan, but it had been lost for many years. It was stolen from the temple ages ago by a man who went into the desert and never returned. In At there were many such knives, he said, but they were very precious, and but one, which Quetzal had brought, was ever seen in the west. He had heard of arrows and spearheads and axes of the same metal, but had never seen them. The slab had been preserved sacredly, yet he had thought more than once of trying to convert it into axes, but knew of no way to do it.

At this moment Eric glanced up and beheld the evil face of Chalpa, his eyes lighted with malice, peering down upon them. As Eric's eyes met his he drew his head back and disappeared, but there was an unpleasant suggestion in the suspicious, vindictive look in his face that left a feeling in Eric's mind that Chalpa would be a good man to make a target of before very long. Ikiapel had seen nothing, but when Eric explained the occurrence he angrily called to Chalpa, but received no answer. The man had slipped out stealthily, and this added to Eric's unpleasant feeling. That Chalpa hated as well as feared him he knew full well from the evil glances he cast upon him, and there seemed something ominous in his stealthy hovering and spying.

Still, as he had disappeared, neither Eric nor Ikiapel allowed it to rest long upon their minds, and they continued their examinations of the relics undisturbed.

Each of the glazed tiles imbedded in the walls, Ikiapel asserted, had been brought in the very earliest times from At. They were covered with rude picture writing, among which Eric found representations of elephants, lions and camels, distinctly and carefully drawn, animals of which Ikiapel had no conception whatever beyond these rude outlines. There were boats delineated there somewhat resembling the one before them, and figures in costumes resembling those in the early Toltec manuscripts. Temple fronts and horses, war chariots with prancing horses, and, most wonderful of all, a battle scene, in which clouds of rolling smoke and curiously carved tubes belching flames, mowing down whole rows of men, were depicted with rare skill. It would have stood for a rude picture of a modern field of war.

It was with wonder and amazement that Gilbert studied the strange pictures, undoubtedly relics of a long past age, for he was convinced that the priest had no knowledge of their import and meaning; in fact the characters in which the records were written upon them were with few exceptions unfamiliar to him, they having been superseded by a more convenient if less graphic method in later times. In these characters he found many resembling those of the Maya alphabet, but some of them [illegible]

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Smethport, Pa., February 3, 1893.

A GREAT MAN HAS FALLEN.

JAMES G. BLAINE, the most brilliant statesman of his time, died at his residence in Washington on Friday last, of Bright's disease, aged 63 years. No man has occupied a more prominent position in the political world for the past quarter of a century, no man has been more thoroughly beloved by a vast number of the people of this country and no man has been more bitterly and wildly traduced than he. A large portion of this issue of the MINER is devoted to his history, which will be found interesting reading. "Peace to his ashes."

It has been very truthfully said by a writer of note, that "the average played-out politician becomes a reformer for the simple reason that his occupation is gone, and he seeks to gain place and power by posing as the one honest man, towering head and shoulders above his fellows. But Diogenes, searching with a lantern for an honest man, would never have found him." Mr. S. W Smith of Port Allegany can make the application.

MR. BLAINE's career has been so often compared with that of Henry Clay, that a close correspondence in the circumstances of each death scene is worthy of notice. Mr. Clay died in Washington on June 28, 1853, between 11 o'clock and noon. The Houses of Congress were assembling for the day's session when his death was announced, and each immediately adjourned. Mr. Blaine's death occurred at the same hour, and Congress immediately adjourned upon assembling for the afternoon session.

A REVOLUTION has recently resulted in overthrowing the government of Hawaii, or what is better known as the Sandwich Islands. The revolutionists, who are principally Americans, have sent a delegation to Washington asking to be annexed to the United States. There are a dozen of the islands, and they lie in a group in the Northern Pacific Ocean, about 2,000 miles from San Francisco. The harbor of Honolulu, the capital of the government, is one of the safest and most valuable in the Pacific Ocean, and is of every importance to the United States. Why not annex them?

SENATOR RANSOM has introduced a bill in the Senate, to repeal the act of 1891, changing the time and manner of making the registry of voters and the duties of registry assessors. It was understood at the time, that this bill was the work of Secretary of State Harrity, but what his object could have been or what the Legislature was thinking about in passing such a bill it is difficult to understand. It puts counties to the expense of taking two registrations each year and in this county the cost of the fall registration amounts to nearly a thousand dollars. It is a useless expense and should be wiped out by the Legislature during the present session, without fail.

A SUPPLEMENT to the general license law of the State has been introduced in the House by Mr. Marshall, a representative from Allegheny county. It restricts the granting of licenses in cities for the sale of vinous, spirituous, malt or brewed liquors at retail, to one license for each 500 inhabitants. The necessity for this act is unquestionably great in many of the cities of the commonwealth, particularly in some of the smaller ones, where doggeries are licensed in every alley. This business has been wiped out in Philadelphia and in fact in all districts where judges look after the well-being of the communities over the courts of which they preside.

TEN years before Roscoe Conkling's death he and Mr. Blaine did not speak to each other. The cause of the estrangement between the two men arose in the heat of debate in the House of Representatives. While Mr. Conkling had the floor, one day, Mr. Blaine interrupted him, when Mr. Conkling said: "I do not wish to have anything to do with the member from Maine, not even to yield to him the floor." Mr. Blaine replied with a [illegible] and vim which showed that he fully returned Mr. Conkling's animosity. "As to the gentleman's cruel sarcasm," he said, "I hope it will not be too severe. The contempt of that large-minded man is so withering, his haughty disdain, his grandiloquent swell, his majestic, supereminent, overpowering turkey-gobbler strut has been so crushing to myself and all the members of this House that I know it was an act of the greatest temerity for me to venture on a controversy with him. But, sir, I know who is responsible for all this. I know that within the last five weeks, as members of the House will recollect, an extra strut has characterized the gentleman's bearing. It is not his fault. It is the fault of another. That gifted and satirical writer, Theodore Tilton, of the New York Independent, spent some weeks in this city. His letters published in that paper, embraced, with many serious statements, a little jocose satire, a part of which was that the mantle of the late Winter Davis had fallen upon the member from New York. The gentleman took it seriously, and it has given his strut additional pomposity. The resemblance is great—it is striking. Hyperion to a Satyr; Thersites to Hercules; mud to marble; dunghill to diamond; a singed cat to a Bengal tiger; a whining puppy to a roaring lion. Shade of the mighty Davis, forgive the almost profanation of that [illegible] Blaine and Conkling [illegible] after that.

[illegible] of Phillips Brooks is a loss to the Episcopal Church, to the National Church as a whole, as such to the Christian church universal. It is a loss to humanity even more than to theology; to mankind as a whole rather than to its moral elements or its intellectual elements. Phillips Brooks came, perhaps, nearer than any other man of his time to impressing himself on the world as a universal man. He was a man whose sympathies comprehended all humanity, while his aspirations sought the highest and best that heaven itself could communicate to man. Almost a giant physically, his intellectual gifts were equally commanding and surpassing; his moral stature, speaking in the widest sense of the word "moral," the sense of personal force of character, was commensurately great, so that he made the best use of his mental gifts. He kept these in touch with and employed them in the highest and the foremost thought of the age. The best culture in manner gave form to his genius for communicating truth. The most refined esthetic perceptions gave color and beauty to it. But under all, and beyond all, and above all, was a warmth of heart and a purity of soul that devoted these splendid capabilities and attainments to the service of mankind in the name of the Divine Father, and after the example and teachings of Jesus Christ.

Such an estimate of Phillips Brooks place in human history stands the test of severe scientific analysis. So harmoniously rounded was his whole character that his intellectual genius might, on account of the equal splendor of his esthetic and moral culture, escape the recognition that it deserves, if it were not especially examined. It was really a type of the highest philosophic intellect. None of his million of friends and advocates paid higher tribute to his qualities as a thinker than did his critics in complaining of the fact that his theological statements were acceptable to orthodox and liberal alike. For this showed that he had reached a higher level of truth, and had grasped, as it were by a kind of inspiration or intuition, the comprehensive principles under which intellectual foes could clasp hands in peace.

Primitive religion was sacrifice; the consummation of religion is self sacrifice. In illustrating this ultimate evolution of religion, Phillips Brooks was again a great human type of the workings of the canons of science. It is a constant phenomenon of biology, as applied to sociology by such philosophers as Herbert Spencer, that life is full and rich and positive to just the extent that it is shared with the others. The earliest form of animal life was as solitary as a plant; the typical intermediate forms of it recognized one another only to pray upon and destroy one another, the highest forms of it, the enlightened men, recognize one another with a view to helping one another to the utmost. Phillips Brooks, viewed in the light of this progress of the social ideas, was an example of the highest type of life, nobly embodied and nobly inspired. The charm and the beauty of his manner and temper and character were in every way worthy of his ideal of usefulness. Primitive man knows the useful when he sees it; civilized man learns to know the beautiful as well as the useful, and to adorn the latter in order that it may please all as well as serve all. In his grace and refinement, in his dignity and courtesy and gentleness, Phillips Brooks once more illustrated the progress of mankind toward its ideal type.

Every listener felt the impact of the great, loving, sincere personality in the tones of his voice, the tense strain of his impassioned countenance, the piercing gaze of those luminous eyes that were truly windows of the soul. His auditors seemed to themselves to see him think as well as hear him spoke. Though he spoke with such striking rapidity, the impression he made was that he never speak rapidly enough to give vent to the mighty store of thoughts that lay back of the lips and struggled to find egress. One was reminded of the rapids above Niagara Falls, where a huge volume of water, sweeping down from the Great Lakes, is boiling and plunging in desperate endeavor to discharge itself through the narrow gorge. In all the relations of public and private life the man was the same. They who knew him longest and most intimately belived the most profoundly in his absolute truthfulness and singleness of purpose. He was genial, generous, unselfish, untiring in his labors for his fellow creatures. His home and his heart and his hand was open to the poor as freely as to the rich. He delighted in the society of laboring men, of young men and children. There was no particle of pride or affectation in his nature.

Such a life is an inspiration, not only to the exalted profession in which the civilized world accorded him the foremost place, but to the world's best hopes for itself. All do not practice what they preach, or, better, all are not what they preach. But Phillips Brooks illustrated his favorite truth by being the manliest of those peacemakers who are called "the children of God."—*N. Y. Press.*

A RAILWAY TEN THOUSAND MILES LONG.

A railroad system, embracing more than ten thousand miles of trackage is the subject of one of the articles in the February "Cosmopolitan." The story is told of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, which at one time formed the only means of access to more than one-fourth the territory of the United States—of the despotic sway with which its managers ruled this vast area, keeping their private armies and police force, waging war, electing state governments and being, in fact, the autocrats of many states and territories.

MRS. LEASE and Mrs. Diggs, the Populist leaders in Kansas, declare that that the election of Judge Martin as U. S. Senator by a fusion of Populists and Democrats means nothing less than the death of the People's party, both State and National.

A Hard Fight.

The combined forces of the weather during the winter season are exerted to destroy health. Coughs, colds attack us which if neglected result in pneumonia and consumption; these diseases usually result seriously. Send for Pan-Tina, the great coughs and consumption cure, and save doctor bills. Trial bottles of Pan-Tina free at Frank R. Foster's Drug Store.

Cough Following the Grip.

Many persons, who have recovered from la grippe are now troubled with a persistent cough. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy will promptly loosen this cough and relieve the lung, effecting a permanent cure in a very short time. 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by Armstrong, Druggist.

Don't Groan.

[illegible] people for groaning when they suffer with rheumatism or neuralgia; the pain is simply terrible: no ancient torture was more painful: but people ought to be blamed if having rheumatism or neuralgia and won't use Red Flag Oil, it has cured hundreds of sufferers and costs only 25 cents at Frank R. Foster's Drug Store.

Wanted.

Agents to sell our choice and hardy Nursery stock. We have many special varieties, both in fruits and ornamentals to offer, which are controlled only by us. We pay commission or salary. Write us at once for terms, and secure choice of territory.

MAY BROTHERS, Nurserymen,
Rochester, N. Y.

There has been very little of general interest to the State in the doings of the Legislature for the past week. There has been a large influx of late in both Houses, and among them are noticed many old visitors to Legislative halls and which ask for impossible legislation and some of them are "red hot" after the wicked corporations of the State and propose the visitation of the law's vengeance for trespassing on privileges of the dear old State Constitution. But as yet neither House has got down to solid work but this week, I fancy, coats will be taken off and sleeves will be rolled up and business will be pushed in earnest. There is considerable talk in regard to the investigation of the State printing contract under Mr. E. K. Meyers, as recommended by the Governor in his message to the Legislature at the opening of the session. A special joint committee of both Houses, consisting of three Senators and five members of the lower body, is to open the books in the case and expose to the public the rascally doings of the bad (!) State Printer. Senators Smith, Philadelphia, Grady and Herring compose the Senate representation. The House has not as yet named its committee but it is expected it will do so this week. There is a history back of this Executive proposal and it is a frequent query whether or not there is politics in it. Pattison and Harrity wings of the Democratic party in this neck of the woods do not flop in harmony with the Meyers wing of the same party and much bitter feeling was occasioned last Spring by the victory of Mr. Meyers, pere, over Harrity in a local contest for delegate to the National convention of the Democratic party to nominate a President. This of course angered Harrity and hence the query: Is not the proposed investigation to injure Mr. Meyers, fils, the State Printer an attempt to get square with Mr. Meyers, pere.

But the hunter sometimes has the tables turned and he becomes the hunted, and the Governor himself has found that he is a subject for investigation, by the legislature, for disregard of the plain rules that govern the courtesy that should exist between the Executive and the confirming power that gives force to his appointments, besides it is a very serious question as to whether or not Governor Pattison has not deliberately violated and disregarded the plain requirements of the "Magna Charta" of the State. It will be recalled that at the last session of the State Senate, in 1891, Governor Pattison sent in for confirmation the name of Robert Watchorn to be factory inspector, it was rejected but since then and up to the present time Watchorn has, under the appointment of the Governor, and in spite of the Senate's rejection of his name in 1891, continued to exercise the functions of factory inspector and to perform all the duties of that office as required by the enactment creating the office of factory inspector. A few days ago, among the batch of names sent in to the Senate from the Governor for confirmation was the name of Robert Watchorn to be factory inspector. The Senate promptly stood this name to one side and refused to make the confirmation, but Watchorn continues to act as the inspector drawing his warrants on the State Treasurer for the expenses of his department etc., etc., just the same as if he was the authorized and legal head of that department.

Senator Gobin is now desirous of knowing by whose authority and sanction Watchorn is performing the duties of an office for which he has twice been rejected and further whether or not the Governor has violated the law and as well the State Constitution besides having given direct insult to the Senate. A resolution to investigate this question is now in the judiciary general committee of the Senate to examine the legal questions involved and it is whispered that when the committee makes its report perhaps Governor Pattison will be sorry that he did not hesitate more before he ventured to send to the Senate for confirmation a name that had once before been rejected for good and sufficient reasons. The sub-committee of the judiciary general committee is now grappling with this question and it is expected that a report will be made in the near future, and the Governor may find that he is being hunted instead of playing the role of hunter.

Several bills now in the Legislature propose to do away with the old Sunday law of 1800 and to permit greater freedom of action on this day than our good old forefathers, a hundred years ago, permitted. All through the past years this one day, Sunday, has been regarded as sacred, on which all unnecessary work should cease. And then again there are several bills that take large slices off the prohibitions of the Sunday law of 1800, and permit certain business transactions to be consummated. Pittsburg recently had an experience for selling a newspaper on a Sunday, for which the editor of the paper was tried and convicted for offending against the "Sunday law" and on an appeal to the State Supreme Court, which tribunal confirmed the decision of the lower court, this Court said, while it was still a very good law, it was in more danger of repeal from the indiscretions of its friends than it was from the attacks of its enemies.

It was expected that Senator Quay would have visited Harrisburg before this and many of his friends were very much disappointed when they received an autograph letter from him conveying his thanks for the support given him during his canvass for U. S. Senate.

A very large and enthusiastic meeting of Philadelphians, before the judiciary general committee of the Senate was held last week, in favor of abolishing the building commission of that City. The commission seems doomed but it is making a desperate effort for continued existence.

There is nothing new in the Higby-Andrews contest case, further than the elections committee is reported as anxious to have the case thrown at once into the Supreme Court and there decided so that the committee won't be called upon to do what is expected of them but it won't make much difference, the House finally decides as to its own membership and then Mr. Higby will get his seat.

At the session of the legislature of 1891, in the Senate, a resolution was presented to include the Parochial Schools of this State in the distribution of the Public School Appropriation, and it occasioned much comment at the time. The Order of Jr. O. U. A. M. has taken time by the forelock this year and at a meeting at the Lochiel Hotel in our city on Saturday determined to take strong grounds and vigorous steps to push opposition to the diversion of this appropriation in the direction proposed by Senator Harry Hall, in 1891 at the suggestion of Bishop Shannahan and Mr. Harrity.

The "Grim Reaper, Death," has opened his roll book of 1893 with the names of eminent men and he has crowded into the first month of the year the most illustrious of the present day. Hayes, Butler, Brooks, Blaine, a group of names that have conspicuously figured in this country's history for almost a half century. Our nation is better to-day because such men lived in our day and generation. The deaths of these noted men has left a void that will be difficult to supply and generations to come history will be [illegible] show the students the grand achievements that were made plausible because these [illegible] lived in this age. Each one seemed to have a distinct individuality and each [illegible] for all time to come had honest [illegible] names of Hayes, Butler, Brooks, Blaine, who in their callings in life honored the age in which they lived and the country in which they dwelt. We are a better people for having had such men with us at one time and their memories will ever be dear to the American heart.

ALCROFT.

LITERARY NOTES.

A SKETCH OF BLAINE WORK AND PERSONALITY.

Admirers and enemies of Mr. Blaine will alike be interested in the very full article which appears in the February "Cosmopolitan," reviewing his characteristics as a man and statesman. A number of fine portraits are printed with the article.

The February number of *Romance* opens the third year of this magazine of complete stories, which has been making rapid strides in public favor of late. The remarkable series of "Special Numbers," which was begun last September, became popular at once, and the development of the novel idea has been watched with growing interest, as the story-writers of one nation after another are thus presented to the American public. The present issue, a special "English Number," offers a striking contrast to its immediate predecessor, which was more than half composed of tales from the Spanish. It contains specimens of the best work of such well known contemporary writers J. Payn, Walter Besant, Conan Doyle and F. Anstey; while selections from Miss Mitford, Captain Marryatt and Wilkie Collins reveal the spirt of earlier generations. There are also a special Valentine story by Mary E. Wilkins, brilliant and French tales by Guy de Maupassant, Jacques Normand and Ferdinand Fleury, and an original sketch of Western life by Ed Towse. This magazine is issued by Romance Publishing Company, Clinton Hall, Astor Place, New York, at 25 cents a copy; subscription, $2.50 a year.

A DEFENSE OF RUSSIA BY HER SECRETARY OF LEGATION AT WASHINGTON.

"Yes, the Russian people are terrible—because as a nation it is young and mighty; because being extended over much of Europe and occupying a great part of Asia, counting in all more than one hundred million of souls among its subjects, the Empire is always growing and progressing; because, being great and compact, Russia is governed by the mighty hand of an autocratic monarch. Autocracy is as natural and satisfactory to Russia as is the republican form of government to the United States; and that our Government is not felt by the masses of the people to be a despotism is evident by the way they submit to be ruled by it and that they prosper under it. The power of Russia lies in the unity of the power, in the firm faith of the people in their Church, their love for their country, and their reliance upon and devotion to the high person called to occupy the throne. In his constant care for the welfare of his subjects, the Emperor does not hesitate at any measure he deems useful for Russia. Alexander III, whose honesty, uprightness, noble character, and exemplary life challenged and earned the respect of the whole world, proved, during his reign of more than ten years to be a peaceful and benificent sovereign. All of his reforms were directed to the improvement of the internal affairs of his country. Not being imposed upon by, and not heeding criticisms of vituperation on the part of enemies of Russia who were always misrepresenting his measures, he found strength in his conscience and consolation and reward in the ever increasing affections of his people. The political agitation which years ago disturbed the peace and prosperity of the country has ceased; and I believe I make no mistake in asserting that there are fewer anarchists in Russia than in any other country of its size in the civilized world.—Pierrie Botkine, in the "Century" for February.

AND NOW, DECEMBER 16, 1892, IT IS ordered and directed that the Court of Common Pleas, the Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery, and the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of McKean, at the regular term and session now fixed for the week commencing the fourth Monday of February, A. D. 1893, shall continue for one more week, to-wit, the week commencing on the first Monday of March, 1893. And that a separate venire issue for jurors for each of said weeks. The purpose of this order is to have the regular February term and sessions of said Court continue for two weeks, and to have a panel of jurors for each week.

PER CURIAM.

Attest:
J. M. McELROY, Prothonotary.

Charter Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN application will be made to the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on Tuesday, the 21st of February, 1893, by W. J. Armstrong, Milton Craven, James Campbell, C. V. Gillis, James F. Swoap II, Dr Keeler, A. P. Hery, V. A. Gillett, T. H. Hoskins, B. N. Jacobson, and their associates, under the act of Assembly entitled "An Act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of Natural Gas Companies," Approved May 29th, 1885, and the supplements thereto for the charter of an intended corporation to be called the "Fidelity Gas Company." The character and object of said corporation is for the purpose of producing, dealing in, transporting, storing, and supplying natural gas to such persons, corporations or associations within convenient reach of its line of pipe as may desire to use the same upon such terms and reasonable regulations as the said Company may establish. The places where gas is to be produced is in McKean and Elk counties and the place of business and locality where gas is to be distributed is Kane, Pa., and vicinity.

A. P. HERY,
Solicitor.

Notice in Divorce.

A. D. No. 22, June Term, 1892.

McKEAN COUNTY, ss.—THE COMMONwealth of Pennsylvania, to the sheriff of said county, greeting:

Whereas, J. H. Fesmer did, on the 23d day of February 1892, prefer his petition to our said Judges of the said Court of Common Pleas of said county, praying for the causes therein set forth he might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, Lizzie B. Fesmer.

We therefore command you, the said Lizzie B. Fesmer, that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever, you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport, at a Court of Common Pleas there to be held for the County of McKean, on the 4th Monday of February next, to answer the petition or libel of said J. H. Fesmer and to show cause, if any you have, why the said J. H. Fesmer, your husband, should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony, agreeably to the Acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided. Herein fail not.

A true copy. WALTER GRUBB, Sheriff.
Mullin & Mullin, Libellant's Att'ys.
Smethport, Pa., Jan. 26, 1893.

Notice in Divorce.

A. D. No. 26, October Term, 1892.

McKEAN COUNTY, ss.—THE COMMONwealth of Pennsylvania to the Sheriff of said county, greeting:

Whereas, Maggie Brobst, by her next friend, John Cunningham, did, on the twenty-seventh day of June, 1892, prefer her petition to our said Judges of the said Court of Common Pleas of said County, praying for the causes therein set forth she might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you David Brobst.

We therefore command you, the said David Brobst, that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever, you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport, at a Court of Common Pleas there to be held for the county of McKean, on the 4th Monday of Feb. next, to answer the petition or libel of said Maggie Brobst and to show cause, if any you have, why the said Maggie Brobst, your wife, should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony, agreeably to the Acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided. Herein fail not.

A true copy. WALTER GRUBB, Sheriff.
Mullin & Mullin, Libellant's Attorneys.
Smethport, Pa., Jan. 26, 1893.

Notice in Divorce.

A. D. No. 344, October Term, 1892.

McKEAN COUNTY, ss.—THE COMMONwealth of Pennsylvania to the Sheriff of said county, greeting:

Whereas, Ella Burdick, did, on the 6th day of September, 1892, prefer her petition to our said Judges of the said Court of Common Pleas of said county, praying for the causes therein set forth she might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you W. M. Burdick.

We therefore command you, the said W. M. Burdick, that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever, you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport, at a Court of Common Pleas there to be held for the county of McKean, on the 4th Monday of February next, to answer the petition or libel of said Ella Burdick and to show cause, if any you have, why the said Ella Burdick, your wife, should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony, agreeably to the Acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided. Herein fail not.

[illegible] WALTER GRUBB, Sheriff.
[illegible]

[illegible] Cleveland.

We therefore command you, the said Fayette Cleveland that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever, you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport at a Court of Common Pleas there to be held for the County of McKean, on the fourth Monday of February next, to answer the petition or libel of said May E. Cleveland and show cause, if any you have, why the said May E. Cleveland, your wife, should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony, agreeably to the Acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided. Herein fail not.

A true copy. WALTER GRUBB, Sheriff.
Samuel W. Smith, Libellant's Attorney.
Smethport, Pa., Jan. 20, 1893.

Notice.

THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS OF EXECutors, Administrators and Guardians having been settled in the office of the Register, the same will be presented for confirmation at the Orphans' Court to be held at Smethport, in and for the County of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, on the fourth Monday of February, A. D. 1893.

First and final account of Amy K. Crandall and Henry Hamlin, executors of the last will and testament of James A. Reed, deceased.

First and final account of John Brooke, executor of the last will and testament of Benjamin N. Brooke, deceased.

First and final account of John C. Hamlin and George W. Williams, executors of the last will and testament of Henry Herring, deceased.

First and final account of Gilbert Moody, executor of the last will and testament of Augustine Bray, deceased.

First and final account of John W. Bush, administrator, D. B. N. et., c. t. a., of the estate of Elisha Bush, deceased.

First and final account of C. J. Lane, administrator of the estate of Joanna Babcock, deceased.

Final Account of F. A. Newell administrator of the estate of Ruby M. Kingsbury, deceased.

First and final account of Samuel W. Smith, administrator of the estate of Samuel Cummings, deceased.

Final account of Philip Brady, guardian of Sarah J. Brady, minor child of Patrick and Jane Brady, deceased.

First and final account of Thomas Hussey, administrator of Bridget Hussey, who was the acting executor of the last will and testament of James Hussey, deceased.

First and final account of Thomas Hussey, administrator of the estate of Bridget Hussey, deceased.

J. M. McELROY, Register.
H. M. CHOATE, Deputy.
Smethport, Pa., Jan. 21, 1893.

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BUFFALO, Feb. 1. 1893.

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Strong evidences of Spring all over the store. As the new goods open up, elegant qualities and exquisite designs stand out pre-eminent. We've gathered the best and widest range of

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—New dress trimmings
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and taken hold of the early trade with a determination to outdo all the intimations of the past. You can satisfy the most impossible needs with new styles and exclusive novelties well represented.

The beauty, freshness and attractivenesss of the printed silks, woolens and cottons ought to touch the utmost chord of fancy in tune with their loveliness. The merry march of summer stuffs adds brightness to store life. Send for samples.

NEW CARPETS.

In carpets and all sorts of floor-coverings the supremacy of this collection is generally conceded. We're satisfied with nothing but the best of evrey grade, and we've had the pick of all thats most worthy. Whoever owns a home can hardly afford to ignore the carpet and upholstery side of this business.

No store makes as much of fine carpets as we do. No store considers so carefully the economy of cheaper grades. Past achievement fades in com arison with present success, while the beauty of the new styles predict even greater popularity for this store.

Sealskin Garments.

The purchase of a manufacturer's entire stock enables us to sell the finest Alaska sealskins (London dyed) at from $25 to $50 a garment less than even we can retail for in a regular way. No time to be lost if you want one.

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Any amount furnished on short notice.
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MRS. T. D. NASH.

Smethport, Pa., Jan. 18, 1893.

Summons in Partition.

McKEAN COUNTY ss:

No. 118, February Term, 1893.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to the Sheriff of said County, Greeting:

If G. W. Campbell, E. W. Campbell and J. W. Campbell, partners doing business as G. W. Campbell & Sons, make you secure of presenting their claim, then we command you that you summon by good and lawful summoners, A. Healey, A. A. Healey and Frank Healey, partners, doing business as A. Healey & Sons, and also Lansing D. Wetmore, J. L. Grandin, E. B. Grandin, W. T. Scheide, J. M. Clapp, Pennsylvania Gas Company and Henry Hamlin, holding Mineral, Oil and Gas interests in the lands hereinafter mentioned, late of your County, Yeoman, so that they be and appear before our Judges at Smethport at our County Court of Common Pleas there to be held the Fourth Monday of February next to show wherefore whereas they, the said G. W. Campbell, E. W. Campbell and J. W. Campbell, partners doing business as G. W. Campbell & Sons, and the aforesaid A. Healey, A. A. Healey and Frank Healey, partners doing business as A. Healey & Sons, and also Lansing D. Wetmore, J. L. Grandin, E. B. Grandin, W. T. Scheide, J. M. Clapp, Pennsylvania Gas Company and Henry Hamlin, holding Mineral, Oil and Gas interests in the lands hereinafter mentioned, together in the lands [illegible] and undivided, do hold a certain messuage and tract of land designated and described as subdivision No. 161 in warrant No. 2371, Wetmore township, McKean County and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Bounded on the north by subdivision No. 144, in Warrant No. 2377; east by subdivision No. 160, in warrant No. 2371; south by subdivision No. 164, in warrant No. 2371, and west by subdivision No. 159, in warrant No. 2373, be the same more or less, and also all the timber on two other messuages or tracts of land designated and described as Subdivision No. 163 in warrant No. 2371, in said township of Wetmore, County of McKean and Commonwealth aforesaid; Bounded on the north by subdivision No. 162, in warrant No. 2371; east by subdivision No. 24, in warrant No. 3431; south by subdivision No. 221, in warrant No. 2564, and west by subdivision No. 164, in said warrant No. 2371; be the same more or less, and also subdivision No. 146, in warrant No. 2360, Hamilton township, said County and Commonwealth, Bounded on the north by subdivision No. 139, in said warrant No. 2360; east by subdivision No. 145, in warrant No. 2360; south by subdivision 179, in warrant No. 2373, in Wetmore township, and west by subdivision No. 147 in warrant No. 2360, in said Hamilton township; be the same more or less, the same A. Healey, A. A. Healey and Frank Healey, partners doing business as A. Healey & Sons, and also Lansing D. Wetmore, J. L. Grandin, E. B. Grandin, W. T. Scheide, J. M. Clapp, Pennsylvania Gas Company and Henry Hamlin, holding Mineral, Oil and Gas interests in the lands, partition thereof between them to be made (according to the laws and the customs of this Commonwealth in such case made and provided) do gainsay, and the same to be done, do not permit very unjustly and against the same laws and customs as it is said, &c. And have you then and there the names of those summoners and this writ.

Witness the Honorable A. G. Olmsted, President Judge of our said Court at Smethport, this 3d day of January, A. D. 1893.

J. M. McELROY, Prothonotary.

The above is a true and correct copy of the original in my hands.
Attest: WALTER GRUBB, Sheriff.

VALUABLE FARMS FOR SALE!

The Charles McElwee farm of 70 acres adjoining the County Poor Farm with good orcharding, never failing springs of pure water and pleasantly located.

Also about 50 acres known as the McQuon place situated about a mile from the McElwee farm. Water and improvements as of the McElwee farm.

Also about 60 acres a mile east of East Smethport, known as the Daniel Acre place and considered within the oil belt, being less than a mile from big gas wells that supply Port Allegany manufactories and citizens with gas.

Terms to suit purchasers. Would exchange for village property. W. S. BROWNELL.

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Spectacles,
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Satisfaction guaranteed, and prices as Low as the Lowest. Call and inspect our new stock.

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In good, reliable companies.

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We make a reduction of,

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Flour is cheaper than it has been in 20 years.

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We have just unloaded 20 tons of wheat, and it is the best thing for Chicken feed that we have ever had.

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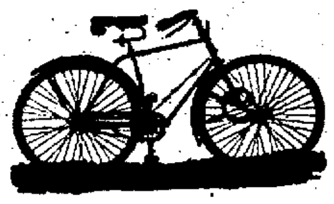

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Boys and girls Bicycles	$20 00 and upwards
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It will pay you to see these machines before buying.

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Which they propose to sell at manufacturers' prices. Call and examine our stock and prices and become satisfied that it is a waste of time to look elsewhere for goods we sell. We are selling our goods as low as any house west of New York for quality.
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A REVOLUTION [illegible]

How Can the Racket Store Afford to Sell Shoes For Less Money Than Other Dealers Pay And Give Away One Pair of Shoes for Every Three Pairs Sold?

THE CAUSE.

Merchants, as a rule, are in business to make money, not to lose it, and when a house deliberately and voluntarily gives away a pile of goods worth thousands in hard cash, there must be a cause for it. Commencing Monday Morning February 6th, at eight o'clock and continuing until closing Saturday night, the Racket Store will give away every fourth purchase of shoes. To those who know the magnitude of our business, the expense of this experiment is evident; and to those who are best acquainted with our prices the wonder will be, how can the Racket Store afford to sell below all competitors and in addition give away one-fourth of their shoes? The explanation is easy: *we buy where necessity knows no law.* What does the assignee care what goods bring, or the sheriff how much of the price crumbles under his hammer, the value remains the same; the hard-up manufacturer who is overdrawn in the bank must realize "while it is yet to-day." All such contingencies—where one dollar buys two—we capture and pass them on to the people at prices that give slow-going, old-time, moss-back merchants that tired feeling of helplessness.

THE EFFECT.

While the cause of this unparalleled free distribution of shoes may be interesting, the effect is far more so. The cause is of no concern to you, the effect is. The effect touches your purse. The effect will be to put hundreds of pairs of shoes on the feet of those who patronize the Racket Store this week. Hundreds of pairs of shoes free of charge. Every fourth purchase will be given away without pay, price or cost. It is a bold and daring enterprise and if the Racket Store had not earned the complete and entire confidence of the public by redeeming all their former promises it would arouse doubt in the minds of some people not acquainted with their integrity in redeeming but proves their ability to do so. It takes nerve to give away every fourth pair of shoes—we have the nerve. It takes backbone—every employee in the Racket has one—20 in all. It takes shoes—we have thousands of them.

HOW WE DO IT.

Naturally much interest attaches to the method of this distribution.—the rules and regulations which will govern this unequalled, unparalleled and unexampled daily free distribution of shoes. Every fourth purchase of shoes will be given away free of any charge whatsoever. How do we know whether yours is the fourth purchase or not? Nothing is plainer or simpler than that. Here is how we do it: As soon as you pay the amount of your purchase it is taken to the cash stand and duly recorded by the tally keeper, and if yours chances to be the fourth purchase at the same price thus recorded, the money you have paid will be returned forthwith, and you get your shoes free of any charge whatsoever.

Remember this free distribution applies to all classes of shoes and rubbers; all people are cordially invited to see the proceedings and watch the workings. If in need of shoes you will have all to gain and nothing to lose. Remember the free distribution commences at 8 o'clock sharp, Monday, February 6th, and continues one week.

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Those who want the best things, and who
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They'll find their Harness there;
They'll choose from 50 Horse Blankets;
They'll find the best in Hardware;
They'll see the best in Tinware;
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4/5 Four-fifths of all the things that people need are in this stock, and 'tis the largest, best assorted stock within your reach to choose from. All grades and prices, all kinds and styles, and prices are the lowest, for 'tis well known that those who buy the most buy cheapest.

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They'll see what's new in Stoves;
They'll go for cheap Glassware;
They'll go for good Crockery;
They'll find Silverware that lasts;
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Smethport, Pa., February 3, 1893

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We will send the MINER and any paper or magazine mentioned below for one year, to any address, as follows:

The MINER and New York *Tribune* for $1 25.

The MINER and Philadelphia Weekly *Press* $1.60.

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The MINER and *National Tribune*, for $2.00.

The MINER and *Scribner's Magazine* for 3 10

The MINER and *Home Market Bulletin* for $1 50

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Borough Caucus.

The Republican electors of Smethport Borough will meet in the basement of the Court House on Monday evening, Feb. 6th, 1893, between the hours of 7 and 9 o'clock, for the purpose of selecting a ticket to be voted for on the 21st day of February next.
J. C. GALLUP,
Committeeman

—Valentines are now in market

—Civil court one week from next Monday.

—There are no flies on the corner loaf_ er these days.

—Mercantile Appraiser W. A. Young is now on his rounds.

—Twenty three prisoners are now confined in the county jail.

—Attend the borough caucus, at the court house, Monday night

—It is the fad now to have baby's picture taken while asleep.

—Leave your orders for township and borough tickets at this office

—Coudersport is looking for the location of a jag cure in that town

—Don't forget the grand ball, to be given by the Smethport Dancing Club, next Wednesday night.

—Smethport young people indulged in an old fashioned sleigh ride Tuesday evening and report a delightful time

—In some parts of the country water is said to be so scarce that farmers are melting snow to water their stock

—We would esteem it a personal favor if persons when ordering goods from advertisers, would kindly mention the MINER.

—We hear it stated that the congregation of the Baptist church has purchased the fine pipe organ in the old St. Luke's church

—Coasting, which has not been indulged in to any great extent, this winter, owing to the extreme cold weather, has been revived

—Rev. Francis Sulley, the distinguished Philadelphia evangelist will commence a series of revivals on February 9th at Bradford

—If eggs keep on going up it will cost about half a dollar to look at one by the time Easter has her new spring bonnet picked out.—*Era*

—An exchange says the latest musical phenomenon in Paris is a monkey which plays the violin. They are not uncommon in this county

—If you have in your mind's eye a suitable person for any of the borough offices, go to the caucus to morrow night and make his name known

—Rev. A. Bronson gave a grand address in the Baptist church on Wednesday evening, and the desire of the people is "come again Mr. Bronson."

—According to the *Reporter* the Citizens Gas Co's stock is a good thing to own. A few months ago it was worth a hundred dollars a share. Two shares were sold the other day for $600,

—The religion of the man who leaves his horse freezing in the street in front of the church, while he is praying by the fire inside, is of a spurious nature

—The special meetings are still going on in the Baptist church and are increasing in interest, Rev. Paterson will preach next Sunday morning and evening

—The duties of the County Auditors for 1893 are drawing to a close. The annual audit of the books and accounts will soon be given to the public

—Some of the members of the Physical Culture Club illustrated the benefits of such clubs to a MINER attache one evening this week to his entire satisfaction

—A base ball league is talked of to include Ridgway, Renovo, Kane, DuBois, Brooklyn, Clarion, Tidioute, Lock Haven and Williamsport. Why not include Smethport?

—Why our churches spend millions of dollars every year trying to civilize and christianize heathen savages and neglect the various State legislatures, is a question worth considering.—*Cherry Creek News*

—The individual who travels with most Comedy Company's and endeavors to pound the piano keys through the floor between acts, adds nothing to the gilded glamour of his surroundings. He should be choked off.

—Mrs. D. F. Keefe has disposed of her restaurant, the purchaser being J. J. Smith of Colegrove. The new proprietor took possession on Wednesday. He is a hustling young man and we bespeak for him a liberal patronage.

—In Germany 5,500,000 women earn their living by "industrial" pursuits. In England, 4,000,000, in France, 3,750,000, in Austria-Hungary, about the same, and in America, including all occupations, something over 2,700,000.

—Hon. Clement Studebaker of Chicago says: "There is a crying need for better country roads. There is an army of unemployed men wanting bread. Give us the road; give them the work. You will accomplish two results, both widespread and beneficial."

—Martin Jax who was confined in jail here held as a witness in the Doermyer case, was taken to Warren some days since, having become insane, and now Doermyer is in a precarious condition, he having become subject to fits which are slowly wearing him out.

—A special excursion train was run over the B. B. & K. last Saturday evening, thus affording an opportunity for all who desired to witness the war drama, "Across the Potomac," which was presented in the opera house at Bradford, for the benefit of Melvin Post, 141, G. A. R.

[illegible] Sunday evening; in the morning the subject will be "What is It." At 6:30 p. m. Rev. E. E. Nelson addresses the League on "Heads and Feet."

—Special attention is called to the new advertisement of the Racket Store, Bradford, the announcement of which, "A Revolution in Business," should interest every reader of the MINER. A pair of shoes is not to be had free every day and when such an offer as that of the Racket store is made it should be taken advantage of.

—Postmaster Kearns met with a severe mishap on Sunday evening last. He had occasion to go up back of Spragues hardware store when he slipped and fell on the ice. He was picked up in an insensible condition and conveyed to the Grand Central Hotel where he was cared for. We are pleased to say that while somewhat sore he is still able to attend to his duties.

—A good mixture for keeping tools bright, is made by mixing slowly together six ounces or eight ounces of lard to one ounce of resin, stirring till cool. When it is semi-fluid it is ready for use. If too thick it may be further let down by coal oil or benzine. Rubbed on bright surfaces ever so thinly, it preserves the polish effectually, and may be readily rubbed off

—It must be very distracting for a minister just about to deliver his carefully prepared sermon, to be called upon to read a whole string of announcements, religious, secular and otherwise. The newspaper is the proper place for these articles to be published, people who do not read the local paper do not take interest in religious or moral enterprises anyway says an exchange.

—A simple cure for the hoarse colds which are general in an open season consists of the white of an egg beaten with the juice of a lemon and sweetened with sufficient sugar to make it palatable. While such a mild prescription as this has no medical effect in the case of a violent cold it does cure hoarseness, and is a great relief to the sufferer. It should be taken by the teaspoonful every half hour

—The year 1893 came in on Sunday, Lent begins February 15 and ends with Easter Sunday April 2. Washington's birthday, February 22, is on Wednesday, St. Patrick's Day, March 17, on Friday. Fourth of July on Tuesday. Labor Day, Monday September 4. Christmas, Dec. 25 on Monday. There are but two eclipses of the sun—one April 16, and the other October 9—neither visible to this portion of the earth

—Sneak thieves have been plying their vocation at the opera house of late. During the last two meetings of the dancing school several pairs of overshoes, gloves and silk handkerchiefs have been stolen. Messrs. Walter, Williams, Ritchie and others have suffered the loss of such articles. The light fingered gentry are known and unless the articles are returned and the pilfering ceases at once they will find themselves behind prison bars

By reference to advertisement in another column it will be seen that Houseworth the optician has changed his day of visitation to Smethport to every fourth Tuesday, his next visit being Feb 7th. Mr Houseworth has been visiting Smethport for several months past and has a well earned reputation. Call and have your eyes examined free of charge and try a pair of his "perfection" bifocal glasses which are unquestionably the best in the market.

—Don't fail to read the announcement of the "Tower" Shoe Store in another column. The "Tower" is the leading exclusive shoe store in this section and enjoys a large patronage. Mr Bloodsworth the leading member of the firm is well known here and all know him to be a straight forward business man whose word is to be relied upon hence the newspaper announcements of this house can be taken for all there is in them. Give them a trial order

—W. R. C. No. 71 will give a supper at the residence of Comrade S. G. Bush on Thursday evening Feby 9th. The ladies of the corps desire to raise money for Memorial Day exercises and propose to effect that object by tempting the appetite. Suppers will be given every alternate week until Memorial Day and the residence will be announced in the MINER the week before. This is a worthy object and should be liberally patronized. All are invited

—The anniversary meeting of Keystone Encampment Knights of St. John and Malta, will be held at their hall in the I. O. O. F. building on Tuesday evening next at half past seven. M. E. Grand Com., G. D. Rollins of Philadelphia the Grand Prior of the State and other prominent members of the order are expected to be present. The meeting will be an open one and all are invited to be present, especially the ladies. Good speaking, music, etc. will be included in the programme

—Some of our correspondents seems to run away with the idea that a few personals and abstruse witticisms and homilies are all that is required in the make-up of their weekly letters. This is a mistaken idea. We want the news of your locality, and the news interspersed with a judicious use of personals is what makes a correspondence valuable. If our correspondents have no news to write about we would much rather they would not write at all. Remember when you are writing that there are many more readers, than those in your immediate vicinity, who are not interested in the trifling matters of your town

—The members of Smethport Lodge, I. O. O. F., to the number of 50 went to Bradford on Tuesday evening, as the guest of Tuna Lodge, of that place. The visitors were met at the depot by the Tuna Lodge and the Emery band and escorted to the Lodge rooms. The features of the evening were the exemplifications of the 3d degree and the presentation a photograph of the members of the Smethport Lodge, the presentation speech being made by Hon. T. A. Morrison. After the meeting the guests were tendered a banquet at the St. James Hotel. They returned home by special train from Bradford in the wee sma' hours.

—"Whether you handle a pick or a pen, a wheelbarrow or a set of books, dig ditches or edit a paper, ring an auction bell or write funny things, you must work," says a self-made man. "If you look around you you will see the men who are most able to live the rest of their days without work are the men that work the hardest. Don't be afraid of killing yourself with work. It is beyond your power to do that. Work gives an appetite for meals; it lends solidity to your slumbers, it gives the appreciation of a holiday. The busier you are, the less deviltry you will get into, the sweeter will be your sleep, and the better satisfied the world will be with you."

[illegible] the anniversary of the birth of Mr. S. P. Beckwith. Among the guests were Rev. and Mrs. [illegible], Rev. Mr. Paterson, Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Halliwell and Mr. P. D. Hopkins. Over 40 sat down to the good things prepared. One old war veteran—and one that had led many a mince pie charge—was heard to remark "his appetite was all right, the only trouble was his capacity." After the dinner the guests listened to very pleasant addresses by P. D. Hopkins, Revs. Paterson and Halliwell, which were responded to by Mr. Beckwith in his happy way and closed by extending an invitation to all to come again in 73 years providing we were all here. The party broke up wishing their host many happy returns of the day

—A very interesting meeting of the Knights of St. John and Malta was held at Port Allegany, on Saturday evening last. It was the occasion of the visit of the Grand Prior of the State, D. H. Rook, of Bradford, and a surprise was arranged for the home encampment by the Bradford Sir Knights, which worked to a charm, but the surprisers were in turn surprised by the appearance of the M. E. G. Com., G. D. Rollins, of Philadelphia, and others. It proved to be the grandest meeting of Knights of St. John and Malta ever held at that place, and we were glad to have been there. At the close of the meeting all repaired to the Sartwell House where a sumptuous repast was served in Mr. S. C. Sartwell's best style, which was much enjoyed. At a late hour the Bradford party started, homeward bound, a thirty mile drive through a storm of rain and sleet, but all well pleased with the evening's entertainment.

PERSONAL MENTION.

We would deem it a favor if those having friends visiting in this place would notify us by postal or by leaving a notice at this office.

John Gardner had business in Bradford last Friday

Attorney L. B. Mayo had business in Kane Monday.

Judge W. S. Brownell visited Quinton and Instanter on business this week.

Mrs. Frank Green, of Bradford, spent Sunday with former Smethport friends

J. H. Grady, one of Kane's prominent citizens, was at the county seat on Monday

John Walter and Fred Ledger of Port Allegany, drove to the county seat Sunday

Dr. W. P. Burdick, of Du Bois, spent Sunday and Monday with friends in town.

Eugene McCarthy of Johnsonburg was shaking hands with friends in town Wednesday

Charles Keyes, the popular host of the Bayer House, Clermont, was in town Tuesday

Claude McAloon who is pursuing a course of studies in Buffalo, is home on a vacation

F. H. Nourse, the hustling proprietor of the Eldred Monroe Cure, was in town yesterday

Attorney S. M. Smith of Port Allegany, had business at the county seat last Friday

Hon. T. A. Morrison attended the funeral of the late N. S. Siggins, at Bradford on Saturday last

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Rifle have just returned from Bolivar, N. Y., where they have been visiting friends the past week

Thomas H. Catlin and son Charles A. Catlin, of Port Allegany, attended the funeral of Mr. Catlin's sister, Mrs. J. Chadwick, yesterday

C. P. Terry, formerly locomotive engineer on the B. B. & K. is now located at Hamilton, Ohio and is employed on the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton R. R.

Mr. C. H. Beckwith, the well known contractor and builder, who is engaged at Johnsonburg is passing a few days at his former home in this city.—*Olean Times* of Tuesday

Will Hungerford, of Smethport, Pa., was in town Monday. With his brother John of Market St., he visited Ridgway Monday afternoon, returning to his home in McKean's beautiful county seat Tuesday.—*Johnsonburg Breeze.*

Mrs. Helen S. Morrison, of Smethport, will go to Brookville to-day in the interest of the Soldiers' Home. Judge Morrison, Deputy Recorder Choate and Supt. C. S. King were among the I. O. O. F. visitors last evening.—*Era, Wednesday*

Mt. Alton School.

Report of the Mt. Alton school for the week ending January 27, 1893

Grades and Teachers.	No. Enrolled	Av. Daily Attendance	Per cent of Attendance	Perfect in Attendance	No. Sick	No. Visits
Grammar School, R. H. Duntley	24	18	86	5	3	0
Intermediate, Miss Lida McGraw	24	14	[illegible]	5	1	0
Primary, Mrs. Rose Burlingame	[illegible]	21	79	5	4	0
Total	[illegible]	44			8	0

R. H. DUNTLEY Principal.

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La Grippe.

No healthy person need fear any dangerous consequences from an attack of la grippe if properly treated. It is much the same as a severe cold and requires precisely the same treatment. Remain quietly at home and take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as directed for a severe cold and a prompt and complete recovery is sure to follow. This remedy also counteracts any tendency of la grippe to result in pneumonia. Among the many thousand who have used it during the epidemics of the past two years we have yet to learn of a single case that has not recovered or that has resulted in pneumonia. 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by A. B. Armstrong, Druggist.

Deserving Praise.

We desire to say to our citizens, that for years we have been selling Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Dr. King's New Life Pills, Bucklen's Arnica Salve and Electric Bitters, and have never handled remedies that sell as well or that have given such universal satisfaction. We do not hesitate to guarantee them every time, and we stand ready to refund the purchase price, if satisfactory results do not follow their use. These remedies have won their great popularity purely on their merits. F. E. Foster, Druggist.

[illegible] Thursday morning the people of Smethport were startled from their slumbers by the shrill tooting of the alarm whistle on the hose house, caused by fire having been discovered in the school building on King street. Owing to the snow and ice some considerable difficulty was experienced in getting up the hill, and by the time the fire department reached the scene, the fire had gained considerable headway. Added to this difficulty it was found that the pressure of water was inadequate to the occasion and soon the building was a seething sea of flames, which illuminated the entire town to the brilliancy of day. The fire spread rapidly and its progress was only stayed when nothing was left to burn. The ruin was complete, not one stick being left upon another. Furniture, fixture and all the paraphernalia of the school, which was very valuable, together with the belongings, or nearly all, of the scholars shared in the general destruction. The origin of the fire is attributed to an over pressure of gas. The loss is estimated at $13,000, on which there is an insurance of 8,000, $7,000 on the building and $1,000 on the furniture and fixtures.

The destruction of this building brings vividly to mind the trouble experienced in its erection, it being claimed by a large number of the towns people at that time that the projected building was not a necessity, that the demands of the town would never require so large a building. However in 1874 the building was erected at a cost of $8000, which has since proved the wisdom of the Board of Directors which at that time was composed of L. Rogers, President, Ira Gleason, Secretary, J. C. Backus, M. A. Sprague and two others whose names we do not now recall.

In 1888, owing to the crowded condition of the school it was found necessary to erect a wing on the east side of the building which was done at a cost of $1,500, bonds being issued for that purpose. Of this amount all has been paid but $500 which is provided for. Recently an unused room was fitted up at a cost of $200, which was designed as a receptacle of a library, the donation of Hon. Byron D. Hamlin. Undoubtedly the destruction of the building will be received in the light of a dread calamity, but if we mistake not a year hence but little regret will be manifested as we hope to see erected, with a view to the future upon the old site a building which will be a credit to the town. The school directors are now wrestling with the question of temporary quarters, having in view the hose house, the old St. Lukes church and other rooms, and to have things arranged within ten days so that the regular session of the school may be held.

Since the foregoing was in type the directors have met and determined to reopen the schools on Monday morning next. The above mentioned buildings and probably the old M. E. Parsonage and rooms in the Backus building will be used.

DEATH'S DOINGS.

MRS. EMILY H. CHADWICK

Mrs. Emily H., wife of Jeremiah Chadwick, died at the family residence on the south side on Tuesday evening last from a complication of diseases, aged 61 years. Mrs. Chadwick was the daughter of Mrs. Maria Catlin, who died about one year ago. She was born in Oswego, N. Y. January 12th 1832, but had been a resident of Smethport upward of thirty years. She was married to Jeremiah Chadwick on March 10th 1863. Mrs. Chadwick was a lady possessed of many good qualities and was ever ready to lend assistance to those in distress. A few days after the battle she went to Gettysburg where she rendered valuable service as nurse in the hospital, where her stepson E. V. Chadwick was confined. She early in life united with the United Brethren church and continued an ardent member until her death. The funeral services were held yesterday at 10 o'clock, brief services being held at her late residence, Rev. J. A. Bennett officiating. Aside from her husband, she leaves a brother, Thos. H. Catlin, of Port Allegany and two stepsons, C. E. and O. L. Chadwick to mourn her loss.

MRS. ELLA CARROLL.

Mrs. Ella, wife of Michael Carroll, died on Monday night last at her home on the Port Allegany road, about five miles from Smethport, aged 24 years. The cause of death was pneumonia, superinduced by a severe cold. Mrs. Carroll was formerly Miss Ella O'Harra, of Olean. She was married about three years ago, when she took up her residence at the home where she died. Aside from her husband she leaves a mother, Mrs. Bartley O'Harra, four sisters, Mrs. James Quinn, Mrs. Peter Fay, of this place, Misses Florence and Rosa O'Harra, and two brothers, John and William O'Harra, of Olean. The deceased was a young woman of high character, and was beloved by all who knew her. The funeral was held at St. Elizabeth's church in this borough at nine o'clock yesterday

EDWARD MAGNER.

Edward Magner, an old resident of Keating township died at his home, a mile and a half from East Smethport on Wednesday morning, aged 75 years. Mr. Magner was well known in this section where he had many friends. The funeral services were held in St. Elizabeth's church in this borough on Thursday morning, Rev. Father Galligan officiating

LAURA V. HODGES.

Laura V., wife of Jerome Hodges, died at her home in Olean, on Sunday last aged 47 years. Mrs Hodges was a daughter of Clark Wells of Bells Run, Ceres township. Mr. Hodges was a resident of Annin Creek for many years. The deceased was an estimable lady, and her death is a severe blow to her many friends in this county

Worth Hundreds of Dollars.

My wife used only two bottles of "Mother's Friend" before her third confinement. Says she would not be without it for hundreds of dollars. Had not half as much trouble as before. Dock Mills, Lincoln Parish, La. Sold by A. B. Armstrong.

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ELDRED.

E. A. Marsh the [illegible] this week.

Allen Moore, Postmaster Moore's obliging deputy, visited his old home in [illegible] Sunday.

Bert Wheeler and Att. Hall expect to be the coming councilmen of Eldred township, but we can tell better later on.

Charlie Cary has made a good official and wants to continue the job with collector thrown in. It would be well to throw it in.

Fred Mayo who has been visiting his old friends hereabouts for a few weeks returned to his position near Homestead Tuesday.

A. T. Burch and wife and son, F. E., were called to Bradford Monday by some litigation in connection with the building of their new store.

A large load of Eldred pleasure seekers enjoyed an old fashioned straw sleigh ride to Portville last Friday night and took in the K. O. T. M. fair then being held at that place. They reported a royal time.

The Republicans of the township held their caucuses here Saturday night and nominated quite a strong ticket. The others will meet this Saturday night and then we suppose the usual municipal ball will be opened in good earnest.

Last Saturday A. D. Gould, editor of the *Eagle*, received the appointment of weigher of mails on the W. N. Y. & P. between Buffalo and Emporium. He began his duties Monday. He will be absent about thirty days or during February.

Frank Sartwell, of Smethport, has been engaged here for a week past plumbing and making other improvements in the building occupied by Fred Kearns as a jag cure. Fred is sparing no expense in making a most desirable dwelling for his patients and we hope he will be well paid for the outlay.

The Eldred Library Association held an important business meeting Monday evening, to ascertain how they stood financially and to make arrangements to stoke up delinquent members. They have a nice surplus on hand and will at once make a large purchase of new books. Now is the time to join.

The C. M. B. A. of this place have some very tasty tasty posters out advertising a big dance to come off at Wolcott's opera house next Tuesday evening. This society is very successful in the parties they give and they propose to make this one an exceptionally fine affair. [illegible] orchestra of DuBois promise to give their patrons their money's worth in music alone. The supper will be gotten up by the St. Elmo.

Word was received here the early part of the week of the death of another of Eldred township's old residents in the person of Delos Rice of [illegible]. It appears that he had gone out to attend to his chores from the barn as usual, Sunday morning, and after finishing them up went into the house and laid down on the lounge, complaining some of feeling quite badly, and almost before his attendants could make any inquiries he expired a victim to heart disease it is supposed.

J. W. King of this place has secured the appointment of Deputy Grand Patriarch for this county for the Odd Fellows Encampment. This position was made vacant by the resignation and removal of J. H. Tate of Smethport who has held it for some time. Mr King also expects the appointment of the similar position for the subordinate Lodges, which Mr Tate also held. His mantle has fallen on most worthy shoulders as Mr King is an enthusiastic member of this order and well up in the work.

The Glittering Stars, the society club of this place, gave their second annual ball in the Wolcott opera house last Monday evening and the affair was greatly enjoyed by over fifty couples. This organization gave such universal satisfaction when they held their party last year and drew such a big crowd that it was rather expected they would duplicate it this year but although the arrangements were just as elaborate their out of town visitors were not on hand to help out to any great extent. The music was furnished by Jamieson's orchestra of Bradford, and they too held up their end of a good record and furnished the best of music. The St. Elmo got up a fine collation for the crowd

KANE.

Neil McEwen has taken charge of the Mountain House.

Dr. Evan O'N. Kane, is laid up with a severe cold and grip.

E. C. Page, of Russell city spent Sunday with friends in Kane.

Born to Mr and Mrs. P. Nolin a son on the 25th of January

It is hinted that J. D. Brooder may be the Democratic candidate for Burgess.

W. B. Smith and C. V. Gillis attended the funeral of Wm. Schram at Ridgway, on Monday.

Wm. Brooder and daughter Cecelia, of Sartwell, spent Sunday in Kane with Mr. Brooder's brothers.

Chas. Eckelberg a woodsman is at the hospital with a badly frozen foot. He may loose his great toe.

Mrs. P. T. Horah was called to Washington Pa. last Thursday where her sister is lying with consumption

It is reported that the Kane gas light and heating company are considering the disposal of a part of their stock to J. H. Markham

Burgess Orr returned from Wilkesbarre last Wednesday. His business interests there will require the most of his time the coming summer

We are not sure of getting further than Kanes hole is an expression frequently given by the narrow gauge train men between Kane and Ormsby Junction.

Auditor Liddell says there may be quite a little honor connected with the chairmanship of a township caucus but the details have many perplexities that come afterwards.

A most enjoyable time was had by all who attended the hop given by the Mountain club, at the Thompson House, last week. A number of the ladies were elegantly dressed

A letter from George W. Campbell announces the safe arrival of himself and wife in Florida and that Mrs. Campbell's health is much improved. Her many friends will be pleased to learn this.

No one who has given the subject any attention will be surprised to hear the park question brought forward again. The near approach of the borough election will revive this interesting saw if it is not too venerable.

J. Leventhal, of New York City has leased the storeroom of J. H. Grady and will open a dry goods store about March first. Mr Grady is an applicant for the Kane post office and will give all his attention to that and politics.

Elisha K. Kane President of the Citizens Gas Co. has let the contract for drilling a gas well to Markham & Martin. The well is located on the Wilcox road one-half mile east of East Kane. The derrick is about completed.

Maurice Kavanaugh was stricken with apoplexy last Friday morning. He has apparently been unconscious ever since and little hopes are entertained of his recovery. He is 63 years of age and has resided in Kane twenty seven years.

The sudden disappearance of Mr. Allis, the former landlord of the Mountain House has caused a number of his creditors to be disconsolate. Two of them started Constable Looker after their absconding debtor and within 48 hours that official returned with the money due them.

A terrific explosion startled every one in Kane about 9 o'clock Sunday morning. It was soon discovered that the glycerine magazine of Casterline & O'Harra, on the Ryan farm which contained twenty quarts of glycerine had been exploded by an over-pressure of gas. Beyond the complete demolition of the brick magazine building, and the shattering of a glass door in the Ryan mansion, no damage was done

The following candidates were nominated at the Republican caucus in Wetmore township. Supervisors Aux Newman, Wm. [illegible], School Directors, Peter Hanson John McNall, Auditors, W. H. [illegible], 3 years J. H. Tew 2 years, L. M. Todd, 1 year, Constable Amel Erickson Justice of the Peace P. J. Karlson, Judge of Election, Jno. McNall, Inspector, P. Swanson, Town Clerk, John McEwen Collector, Thos. Shanley

MT. ALTON

Prof Duntley visited Bradford last Saturday

Mrs. I. T. Lennox has been quite ill several days with tonsilitis.

Last Thursday was the ideal day of the winter for sleighing and comfort

J. J. O'Connell has been a sufferer from a severe cold for the past week

Mrs. Rose Burlingame spent Saturday and Sunday with Smethport friends.

Misses Ella, Mary and Anna McGraw, spent a couple of days with Bradford friends last week.

Miss Minnie Lewis, of Tidioute, who has been visiting her parents for a short time, returned home last Saturday

The programme at the M. E. Church last Sunday evening by "King's Sons and Daughters," was very good and well attended.

G. W. Lewis, proprietor of the hotel at Kinzua Bridge, has gone to Catt. Co. N. Y., to settle up the accounts of his brother Aaron, deceased.

Quite a few of our people have been cutting ice on the mill pond for the past week, and stowing it away for the time next summer that one of our January breezes would be a treat.

The Republicans hold their caucus at Lafayette school house next Saturday evening, and the Democrats hold theirs at the same place on Tuesday evening following. Politics is beginning to get wakened up in our town by office seekers.

The infant daughter of Mr and Mrs. Chas. Rosecrans, of Riderville died last Tuesday. The funeral conducted by Rev Oatman, took place on Thursday and was largely attended. The remains were interred in the Lafayette Cemetery

Mary, the little daughter of Mr and Mrs. Oliver Emmons, was taken violently ill last Monday morning with convulsions, and although everything that medical skill could do was done for the little sufferer, she died at six o'clock the following morning. Mary was nearly two years of age and a beautiful child, the idol of the household. As we gazed on the features, so lovely even in death, we thought the Grim Messenger never claimed a fairer prize, and though she is lost to her earthly home, her parents and sister can look beyond to "the house not made with hands—eternal in the heavens," that their loved one now inhabits. The remains were taken to Bradford for interment Thursday.

COLEGROVE.

Rev W. P. Mynard has been sick for several days and was not able to deliver his usual sermons Sunday.

N. C. Gallup, while working in the woods one day last week, had the misfortune to cut his foot quite badly.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Gardner, of Friendship, N. Y., are visiting the families of Warren Smith and J. E. Evans.

C. A. Pierce, of Gardeau, Pa., drove over to Crosby last Saturday to attend an important meeting of the K. O. T. M.

Mrs. D. T. Chandler, who has been sick for several months, has so far recovered as to be able to go the home of her parents, who reside in Cameron county.

Mrs. Eldridge, of Cattaraugus county, N. Y., came to Crosby last week to visit her son, Mr Ed Eldridge. Within a few hours after her arrival, Mrs. Eldridge was taken very ill. A physician was summoned and her sickness pronounced pneumonia. At this writing her recovery seems uncertain.

[illegible] spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. [illegible], in Olean.

George Weber and family spent Sunday in [illegible] with friends.

M. A. Avery, Postmaster of Potter county, was in town on business last Monday.

Our streets were crowded with sleigh ride parties last Tuesday. It was the finest day that we have had this winter.

Mrs. O. L. Snyder, who has been spending a few weeks with her parents in this place, returned to her home in Buffalo last Friday.

Charles Holden was visiting friends in Buffalo the last of the week. Clayton Young, engineer [illegible] during his absence.

Constable E. O. Wade, of [illegible], was in town Monday on business pertaining to his office.

George Wimble, who is spending the winter at Clarion, wrote home last week, and he says that he is still a citizen of Port Allegany or Liberty township rather.

The revival meetings are being continued at the Presbyterian church this week. There have been about eighty conversions, the result of one weeks work. There is a chance for many hundred more.

A number of our young men attended a dance at Mr. D. Faught's home on [illegible] Creek a short time ago. If they will send a list of names of those present to the writer, we will be glad to make them known.

Justice of the Peace C. C. Ward is holding criminal court in this place this week. Mr. Springsted was arrested for obtaining goods of Foot & Kernan under false pretenses, and Thomas Mack for assault and battery on his wife.

The Republican electors of this borough held a caucus at Hartwell's Hall last Monday evening and made the following nominations for borough offices: Burgess, C. E. Hubbard; Councilmen, Geo. Havens, E. M. Johnson, J. V. Otto and W. H. Ventres; School Directors, C. C. Ward, F. P. Camp and George Moore; Collector, James P. Ford; Constable, M. S. Davidson; Auditor, E. H. Camp; Judge of Election, C. L. Anderson; Inspector of Election, Charles Lambert. This ticket is made up of good citizens and men of responsibility and should be elected.

CLERMONT

L. Bajer made a short business trip to the county seat on Saturday last.

Jacob Anson, who has been confined to the house with a bad cold is now able to be around.

John Keohoe is a candidate for road supervisor. If nominated and elected, he will make a good official.

Aaron Hollman, one of the ore inspectors, was attending to some business for his company at Smethport yesterday.

Union caucus at the Steinhauer hall next Friday evening. Don't forget to be on hand and nominate a strong ticket.

Chas. Reed is running the engine on Clermont & Palmerville railroad in the absence of his brother who is away on a visit.

Sam [illegible] is in town to-day on his way home from Olean. He is also looking over his political fences. He ought to be nominated.

Mr. A. D. Nichols, is again running the passenger train between Olean and here. This is very pleasing to his many friends along the line.

Mrs. L. Steinhauer attended a surprise party given in honor of her father's 73d birthday, at Farmers Valley last week. We hope Mr. Beebe will live and see many more days like this one and his children around him.

Gardner Shaw was very liberal yesterday with some good cigars. We understand its a girl of the usual weight and that she intends to stay with Mr and Mrs. Shaw for some time to come. We hope she will live long and prosper.

EAST BRADFORD

Jonas Artley is seriously ill with pneumonia.

Chas. Gilbert, of State Line was a visitor in town last Saturday.

Mrs. A. B. Clark has returned from a visit to friends in Perrysburg.

Mr and Mrs. Shuson are home from a prolonged trip to the West.

Miss Fannie Maize of Bolivar, N. Y. is in town, the guest of Miss Edith Norton, Main street.

The pupils and teachers of the public schools enjoyed a sleigh ride to [illegible] on Friday night last.

The E. A. U. of this place delightfully entertained the Derrick City lodge on Wednesday of last week.

Mr and Mrs L. Smith are residing in the house formerly occupied by C. B. McKinney and family on Lawyer street.

Master Charley Longfellow is home from a long visit to relatives in Washington, D. C. and Cleveland, Ohio. We have all missed Charley and are glad to see him home.

Mrs. W. Smith has returned from Columbus Ohio, where she has been pursuing a course of lessons in China painting. Her work is extremely beautiful and she has the highest praise of her teachers. She has opened a studio at her home on Washington street, and will doubtless have a large number of pupils.

CERES

Mrs. K. Simmons and Mrs. C. H. Gleason visited in Genesee N. Y. Thursday.

Miss Clara Hornsby, of Kane, Pa., was a guest of her friend Miss Anna Herrick, the latter part of the week.

Miss Leona Warner was called by telegram to Coudersport Thursday by the sudden and severe illness of her sister, Mrs. H. Stevens.

Mr John Woodard an employee of the [illegible] Gas Co., has rented the H. J. A. Booth residence, and is moving his family here from Bradford.

Revival meetings are still held in the M. E. Church. Three powerful sermons were delivered this week by [illegible] and Rev. A. J. Blanchard [illegible]

Mrs. J. F. Brook, who has been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. D. D. Caskey in Austin [illegible] Saturday evening, quite seriously ill, but we are glad at this writing, to report her improving.

The sad news was received here this a. m. of the death of Mrs. Jerome Hodges at her home in Olean. Her earlier and childhood days were passed in this vicinity. She was the eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Clark Wells, of Bells Run

DUKE CENTRE.

Joe Dern Jr., was assisting Grow Bros in taking inventory last week.

Mr White of [illegible] Maine, is in Duke, visiting with Joel Allerton and Mr and Mrs. John Lincoln.

The Pleasure Club hop last Friday evening was largely patronized. Several sleigh loads came over from Bradford. J. V. Brown furnished the supper.

James McAloo was in Crawford county last week attending the funeral of his aunt, Mrs. Wm. McAloo who died in Meadville, Penn., while there visiting friends.

The Democrats nominated Geo. Dana for Collector, Mark Ward, Road Supervisor and L. J. Lilly, School Director, last Saturday evening at their caucus. We failed to get the balance of the ticket.

Joseph Wesford is hauling pipe from Indian Creek to Eldred this week. The National Transit Co. have disconnected from all wells on Indian Creek and adjacent leases. The Tide Water Co., handles that oil now.

The revival meetings at the M. E. Church are meeting with much success, there were over fifteen converts last week. The church Sunday evening was crowded and the Rev. Bell delivered the third of his series of his picture sermons.

—Piles of people have piles, but De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve will cure them. Sold by A. B. Armstrong.

Horses for Sale at a Sacrifice.

We have two teams of draught horses for which we have no work and will sell at a very low figure. Address or enquire
McDOWELL BROS.
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Safe and Reliable

"In buying a cough medicine for children," says H. A. Walker, a prominent druggist of Ogden, Utah, "never be afraid to buy Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. There is no danger from it and relief is sure to follow. I particularly recommend Chamberlain's because I have found it to be safe and reliable." 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by A. B. Armstrong, Druggist.

Beef Wanted

The subscribers are in the market for the purchase of dressed beef by the side or by the quarter at Palmerville near Clermont, Sergeant township.
A. PALMER & SON,
Palmerville, Jany. 17, 1893

The wind from the north blows sharp and keen, and bad effects of colds are seen. One Minute Cough Cure so safe and sure, will quickly perform a wonder cure.

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When in Bradford call on Ike Simons, for Fine Hats and furnishing goods. Honest goods at Honest prices is our motto, and one price for everybody. Ike Simons, 30 Main St., Bradford, Pa.

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Is what we always carry in neckwear and you may be sure that you can get the correct thing at Ike Simons, 30 Main St Bradford, Pa.

NOTICE.

Those who are owing me are requested call and settle their accounts at once, as I need the money. Promises will not pay for my purchases, consequently I must collect my bills. MRS. T. D. NASH.
Smethport, Pa., Jan. 11th 1893 3t.

SUBSCRIBE for the MINER.

Chamberlain's Eye and Skin Ointment.

A certain cure for Chronic Sore Eyes, Tetter, Salt Rheum, Scald Head, Old Chronic Sores, Fever Sores, Eczema, Itch, Prairie Scratches, Sore Nipples and Piles. It is cooling and soothing. Hundreds of cases have been cured by it after all other treatment had failed. It is put up in 25 and 50 cent boxes.

[illegible] by the use of [illegible]

South Carolina has no divorce law.

Think of it! [illegible]

Florida public lands are being taken up.

Mrs. Will Gifford, of King street, will accommodate a few court boarders, jurymen preferred.

Dovetail paving brick are being made in England.

Every mother should have Arnica & Oil Liniment always in the house in case of accident from burns, scalds or bruises.

A paper pipe has been invented by a native of St. Helena.

Small in size, great in results: DeWitt's Little Early Risers. Best pill for Constipation, best for sour stomach. They never gripe.

A street car horse in Atchison, Kan., is named Nancy Hanks.

Something new in the line of collars Gleason & [illegible] have just received what is termed a cork collar. Call in and examine it before purchasing elsewhere.

Russians are more afflicted with blindness than any other nationality.

Nothing so distressing as a hacking cough. Nothing so foolish as to suffer from it. Nothing so dangerous if allowed to continue. One minute Cough Cure gives immediate relief.

The candlepower of searchlights is reckoned by the hundred million.

How often we hear middle-aged people say regarding that reliable old cough remedy, N. H. Downs' Elixir: "Why my mother gave it to me when I was a child, and I use it in my family [illegible]." It is always guaranteed to cure or money refunded. For sale by H. C. Wells.

Arizona men and women become husband and wife without ceremony.

A cold of unusual severity developed into a serious difficulty decidedly catarrhal in all its characteristics, threatening a return of my old malady, catarrh. One bottle of Ely's Cream Balm completely eradicated every symptom of that painful and prevailing disorder.—E. W. Warner, Rochester, N. Y.

Chinese workmen in their native country accompany every request with a strike.

Woman has been compelled to suffer, not only her own ills, but those arising from a want of knowledge on the part of those with whom she stands connected. In the mansions of the rich and hovels of the poor, woman has been alike the patient victim of ills unknown to man. But the hour of her redemption has come. Bradfield's Female Regulator cures all diseases peculiar to her sex. Sold by A. B. Armstrong.

The Bazaar

Tuesday, Jan. 3

On That Day We Shall Commence a Great Two Weeks Red Ticket Sale at the Bazaar.

Our patrons know what red ticket prices mean—a deep cut from established values—for two weeks only. You can stock up then and save considerable money. We think it is time to begin to consider delayed needs, and have decided to hold this sale for a limited time. This will be a good opportunity to buy such staple goods as

Table Linens, Napkins, Cottons, White Goods, Blankets, etc.

We are having considerable inquiry for such goods already. Now is the time to look alive. This sale is one of our old timers—no half measures—a regular "tidal wave" of bargains. Every article in the store will be re-marked and reduced from 10 to 20 per cent. lower

—ON—

Tuesday, January 3.

Our red ticket sale commences. From that day on you will hear your friends speak of the bargains they have secured at the Bazaar. Nothing reserved, everything to be sold on the same low price system. Look for it watch for it. The Bazaar's "Red Ticket Sale" will be an opportunity worth waiting for.

THE BAZAAR,
THE LEADING AND LARGEST
Dry Goods, Cloak and Drapery
HOUSE, 16 MAIN STREET.
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J. ELOSKEY,

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Specialist on the eye, will arrive in Smethport on

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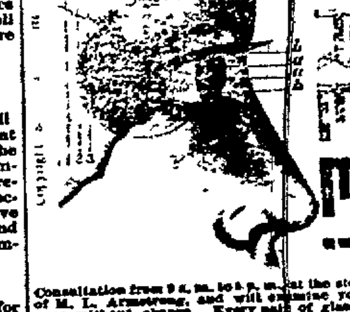

Consultation from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. at the store of H. L. Armstrong, and will examine your eyes without charge. Every pair of glasses guaranteed satisfactory.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of A. Peter Anderson, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT LETTERS of Administration upon the estate of A. Peter Anderson, late of Foster township, McKean county, Pa., deceased, have been granted by the Register of said county to J. H. Goodenough, of Kew City, McKean county, Pa. All persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment and all persons having claims against said estate will at once present the same.
J. H. GOODENOUGH,
Kew City, Pa.
1-27-6w

Election Notice.

Whereas the Corporate Authorities of the Borough of Smethport [illegible]

Amount of the last assessed valuation	$174,736.00
Amount of existing debt	[illegible]
Amount of proposed increase	[illegible]
Percentage of proposed increase	[illegible]

W. D. GALLUP,
Burgess.
ROBT H. ROSE,
Attorney Borough Council.

WANTED—Wide-awake workers everywhere for "SHEPP'S PHOTOGRAPHS of the WORLD" [illegible]

[illegible]

We keep fancy slippers [illegible] colors. Are you aware [illegible] them usually outside of a large city.

White Kid and Canvas Oxford ties, A to E	[illegible]
Pearl Gray and Light Blue Ooze Vassar ties	[illegible]
Light Pink and Tan Ooze Blucher ties	[illegible]
French Kid Strap Sandals in Bronze, hand beaded	[illegible]
Black Patent Leather Sandals	[illegible]
Ladies' Rome House Slippers, Red and Black	[illegible]

This is the latest out, high in front and back, elastic in sides and an ideal house slipper.

If you want a pair of shoes of any description send us an order, and if goods are not as you wished return them.

We offer this week 200 pairs of men's best grade Woonsocket Rubber Boots at $2.15, worth $2.50.

BLOODSWORTH & Co.,
Tower Shoe Store, Olean, N. Y.
(Mention this paper when ordering goods.)

AT

STCKNEY, RITCHIE & CO.'S

PURE SPICES,
TEAS, COFFEES,
FLORIDA ORANGES,
MESINA LEMONS,

California Dried Peaches, Apricots, Prunes, London Layer Raisins, Select Muscatels, Cooking Muscatels, Assorted Table Nuts, English Walnuts, Paper Shell Almonds, Fresh, Citron Peel, Orange Peel,

Canned Goods in Abundance,

Fine Creamery Butter, Hams for Family Use.

Acme Family Flour,	-	$1.20 a sack
Northern Light	"	1.10 a sack
Empire	"	1.00 a sack,

Our bargain counter has been replenished this week, so that bargain seekers can get almost anything they may qeruire at first cost.

We have some remnants of heavy winter goods to close out very cheap.

The balance of our Women's and Children's wraps—only a few left—must be closed out at your own price.

STICKNEY, RITCHIE & CO.

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It has been truthfully said,

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I have recently spent several days in New York carefully considering the wants of my many customers. I have now in stock a complete variety of articles, both useful and ornamental, suitable for

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for a man, woman or child.

I will for the next 365 days, commencing to day, Dec 1st, 1892 give a genuine bargain for every $1, $5 $10 or $15 purchase made at my store. Remember this opportunity remains open for one year at cost, subject to change for the better without further notice. No samples on exhibition, but the genuine articles. We continue to show goods regardless of trouble,

I have already had a call from Santa Claus, and am now ready for a call from you. I also have a

GROCERY DEPARTMENT

and keep the best. Respectfully

D. C. YOUNG,

Smethport, Pa. Dec, 1892 Cor Main and Union Streets,

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Sale of Clothing, Gents' Furnishings, Hats, Caps, Trunks and Valises, which

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at any price. Now is the chance to get your Winter

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Don't lose your chance but buy while the fire is hot. Rather than move the goods we will give the people a chance.

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Silver Plated Castor Set.	Silver Plate Pickle Dish.
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Silver Plated Spoon Holder.	

And an article for each additional $25.00 for a period of from six months to one year, thus giving each one of my customers a chance to secure a whole set of Silverware without costing them a penny. All goods are sold as cheap as the market will allow. Remember the place, corner of Mechanic and Mill streets.

P. D. HOPKINS,

Smethport, Pa., April 14, 1892.

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It acts directly on the membranes of the throat and nose, and enters the delicate tissues of the lungs. Hence its remarkable power in curing the worst cases of Croup, Coughs, Catarrhal and Congestive Colds, Whooping Cough and Asthma. As a PREVENTIVE of Diphtheria and Pneumonia it has no equal. It does not contain opium in any form. It does not nauseate. 50 cents. [illegible] HOXSIE C. C. C. CO. BUFFALO, N. Y.

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County, Philadelphia	[illegible]
Hanover, New York	[illegible]
Sun, Fire, London, U. S. Branch	[illegible]
Royal, London	[illegible]
Commercial Union, London	[illegible]
LIFE INSURANCE.	
Mutual Life, New York	[illegible]
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DRUGGISTS' -:- SUNDRIES.

Prescriptions promptly filled.

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WANTED AGENTS, local and traveling, at once, to sell Ornamental Trees, Roses, Shrubs and fruits. Experience unnecessary. Salary and expenses paid weekly. Permanent positions. No security required. Must furnish reference as to good character. CHARLES H. CHASE, Rochester, N. Y. Mention this paper.

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AND STOP THAT

Cough.

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WILL DO IT.

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Warranted. Sold everywhere.
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It pleases everybody.
It is an *honest* piano.
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The question is too important to be settled without due thought. *Years* of satisfaction or of regret come with a piano. Does it wear well? The WING Piano does. "Look before you leap."

Whatever piano you buy, there are piano secrets you ought to know. Our *free* book tells them. Send a postal card for it. It may help you to buy a different piano. We take that risk. We also tell you the nearest dealer where you can *see* a WING Piano. It is worth *looking at*. So is the price. WING & SON, 245 Broadway, New York.

FOR AFTERNOON AND EVENING WEAR.

The gown on the left is of warm-colored fawn cloth, with jacket effect of velvet in the same tone, the jacket and bottom of skirt ornamented with embroidery; the trimming is of lace [illegible]. The costume on the right is of rich bengaline, with sleeves and front of bodice of velvet in contrasting shade, the trimming being bands of the same.

THE HIDDEN CITY.

By WALTER H. M'DOUGALL.

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the nature of pictorial representation. These were similar to the characters upon the slab of bronze, and there flashed across his mind a memory of Plato's statement—that the people of Atlantis engraved their laws upon columns and plates of bronze and gold. Could it be that this was one of those tablets?

While he was occupied with these thoughts the old priest brought a quaintly carved cedar box, and removing its cover disclosed a double handful of roughly cut gems, the great value of which Eric discerned at a glance. He examined them with appreciative eyes, finding among them several diamonds of the size of hazel nuts and many fine rubies and emeralds.

"These," said Iklapel, "came from the far south; they are the seeds of the serpent. Before he came and covered the world with clay and stones and water there was none of these on the earth; no man had seen them before. Such is the tradition. The people of Atlantis had no such shining stones, but they had stones such as this," handing Eric an oval of carnelian, with flattened sides.

Carved on one face was an intaglio, finely executed, representing a pyramidal mountain, with a city surrounding its base, evidently a picture of the fated city. Around the edge was a border of small characters in the ancient writing. On the reverse side was cut the Crux Ansata, the mystic Tau, the sacred symbol of the Phallic god of the old world, which has puzzled the savants for ages.

"What a treasure," thought Eric, "to lay before the scientists of the country and what a deal of discussion it would arouse!"

There was nothing more to be seen, and with a glance around the room he took up his light and followed Iklapel up the ladder. They had spent several hours in the vaultlike place and found Kulcan above waiting for them. He looked anxious and moody, and catching Gilbert's eye motioned to him to follow him. The young priest led the way silently, yet casting quick, cautious glances about him, to the large gate, and when they were outside, almost into the pinon orchards, he turned to Eric, and after a moment's nervous hesitation he began, "Did my brother ever gamble?"

"Well," replied Eric, with a smile, "I've played the game my people call poker many times, I'm sorry to say—too many times in fact—and I've tried faro also once or twice, with poor results"—

"But," interrupted Kulcan, "did you ever allow yourself to be so carried away with the excitement of these games that you forgot your duty to your sisters and brothers?"

"No," answered Eric, "but I have seen many men lose their heads and gamble away all they owned."

"Then," said the priest, "you will understand. I must confess to you, my brother, and burden you with a miserable tale—a tale of grief and shame. I cannot look you in the face, but I must tell you. We have, as you have seen, a game called titlaca—meaning the unknown, unknowable—a game of numbers. Ah, how can I tell you? You will despise me!"

"Go on," said Eric, who surmised what was coming, although he did not guess its full meaning.

"The younger priests," resumed Kulcan, "have always played this game among themselves, as do all our people, but I had always, by Iklapel's advice, avoided it, and knew not even how it was played until a year ago. Then in an evil hour I ventured a wager against Chalpa's game, and I won sixty silver tacs. Elated by my success and imagining myself to be blessed by fortune, I tried again and won. But the next evening I lost all that I had won, and in the endeavor to reclaim it I parted with as much more. I did not feel willing to stop then, but was eager to get my own money back. Then I said I would never gamble again, but before I had succeeded I had become a victim to the habit which dominates all the people of Atzlan.

"This was before my father, the governor, died, and soon Chalpa had won all the money and cattle which I possessed. Then I began to be indebted to him, and in my new frantic endeavors to win enough to free myself—for debtors are slaves here—I became reckless, and when my father died Chalpa laid claim to all my property. But I had no suspicion of his methods and believed him honest. Chalpa changed his plans, or rather broadened them, for I think his object at first was only to win my possessions. He cast his evil eye upon Alata, my betrothed, and although she despised him he wished to wed her.

"In this he was unsuccessful, but that very month she was selected for the sacrifice, and he is the one who cast the lots. I dare not say—I scarce dare think him so treacherous, so villainous as to do such a deed! Nor do I think he dare, for the decision is made in the presence of three others—priests in high standing. But she was chosen and you, my brother, saved her and restored her to me. Then my fortune altered for a time, and I recovered some of my money, but yesterday a horrible thing happened. I went again to his house and lost all—all, more than that, alas!

"Seeing me feverish, blind, despairing, he offered to wager all that he had won from me—everything—against my sister, my Lela. You know that under our laws she is mine to be given away, sold, bartered or wagered—as the head of the family I possess her—and perhaps you may not know that such debts as these are legal. Flushed with the sins which he provides, and dazzled at the chance to recover all my possessions, I accepted the offer. The next moment I regretted and tried to recall my hasty words, but it was too late. I had lost! I staggered forth and roamed about for hours, crazed with shame and terror. I thought of self destruction, but what would that avail me? Then I sought you, my brother, who know all things."

Gilbert reflected for a moment. To him, apart in thought and feeling from Kulcan and his people, the case seemed almost trivial. He could not realise that by the young priest's indiscretion he might lose the very light of his life. He viewed the transaction in a semiludicrous light, and attempted to lay that part of it aside and consider only Kulcan's financial condition, but the priest soon convinced him that his terrible wager was a reality—a most serious and momentous reality—and showed him the difficulty of an attempt to defeat Chalpa's desires, in view of the fact that the entire priesthood and populace would stand by him in exacting his just dues.

Kulcan reiterated his statement of the legality of the wager, and said that Chalpa had offered him his revenge in affording him an opportunity to recoup by wagering a thousand tacs of silver, well knowing that he could by no possibility obtain that sum. Herein, however, Gilbert saw a vague chance to escape as he reflected upon Iklapel's account of the fabulous sums of gold and silver in the underground vaults of the temple. In his character of a god he might, without doubt, convert some of this idle hoard in the endeavor to save his darling, and he resolved to do so. But the difficulty was, even after the money had been obtained, to play the game to prevent Chalpa's winning again. Although convinced that the evil eyed villain had grossly cheated Kulcan, he had no knowledge of the game and knew of no means of detecting his fraudulent practices.

Underlying all his meditations was a stern resolve to settle the affair, as well as Chalpa's existence, as a last resort, by the argument of the pistol bullet, but he determined to try all other channels before availing himself of that source.

Curiously enough, upon his suggesting Chalpa's swindling, Kulcan, whose nature was utterly unsuspicious, himself showed how he thought it could be done, and with a wild gleam in his eyes as the truth seemed for the first time not merely to dawn upon him, but to burst upon his mind in noontime glory, in a crushing, blinding flash of conviction, started up as though to seek the destroyer of his happiness and face him with his accusations. But Eric restrained him, and after he had grown calmer he told him that he would endeavor to help him.

"But," he inquired, "does Iklapel or Lela know of this?"

"Not a word," said Kulcan, "and how shall I tell them? What will they think of me?"

"They must be told," replied Gilbert, and he then bound Kulcan to forswear gambling forever by an oath which he devised upon the spot—an oath that chilled the superstitious priest's heart as he repeated it, for he feared Gilbert's wondrous powers with a childlike terror. It was plain to the latter that he meant to keep his promise.

Sending him to Iklapel with instructions to relate his story to the old priest, Gilbert went to Lela with much reluctance, for he knew that her love for her only brother hung largely upon her respect for his purity of character and lofty thoughts. His sad story, he felt, would shatter that respect, for he could not realise, he did not even imagine, that she shared the tolerant view that all Atzlan held of the gambling habit. Viewing it in the light of modern ideas, he thought she would be stricken with horror at the discovery of his folly and shame.

He framed a plan of gently imparting it to her, but it was driven out of his mind when a moment later he encountered Lela hurrying with quick, graceful strides in search of him. She held in her hand one of the comical Atzlan dolls made of red clay, whose hideously painted face, surmounted by a shock of black bristles, added to her own look of fright, drove his mission instantly from his mind.

"Oh, darling!" she cried, seizing his arm, "come quickly. Poor Listah, the hermit priest, has fallen from a ladder and broken his leg. He lies there moaning so piteously, and I know you can cure him!"

"Is that all?" said Eric, smiling with true professional unconcern. "I feared that it was something serious. And this!" pointing to the doll in her hand. She looked down, blushed a little, and smilingly explained that she had been dressing the horrible effigy for little Kitza when the old priest fell, and she had hurried in search of him without noticing that she held it. He took it from her, and looking at its face said:

"No wonder the old man fell.—That would frighten almost anybody."

"Why," she retorted, "I think it the nicest doll in Atzlan; it is so hideous," cuddling it to her. "But come; we must go to him!"

Others came running, with eager calls, to him, and he went with them to where the old man lay groaning with pain and exclaiming that it was a judgment upon him for breaking his vow of isolation and coming into the city before his time had expired. But when Eric [illegible] kept steadily on, and applying [illegible] bandages had the old man carried to his own dwelling, where he could attend to his needs. Listah was overcome with gratitude, and declared that he felt the leg healing already, although he winced more than once as his bearers moved along.

When Eric saw him resting easily it had grown dark, and the moonlight was pouring down into the canyon, making the walls of the city gleam like marble palaces; the air was still moist and filled with the sound of the river as it gurgled and splashed over the shallow ford. Lela sat just outside his door waiting, with her cheek upon her hand and her hair shining in the mellow light like melted gold.

As he came outside and leaned over her she looked up and reached her bare arms up to him, folding them slowly about his neck with a lingering, clinging, creeping movement that showed how fondly she loved, and sent a warm thrill through him, winelike, overpowering. She drew him down and held his face against hers for a long time, with closed eyes; then slowly their lips crept nearer, nearer, until they came together in one long drawn kiss. It was more—it was a marriage—a blending of two hearts made for each other, a reunion of two souls that in all the economy of the universe had been formed to be one that had been seeking each other for ages perhaps and had met at last. Such at least was Eric's belief, and it was with a reverential feeling that he kissed the noble forehead of this beautiful, angelic creature who so wondrously found it possible to love him, a rough, blunt, homely, ungraceful man. He said as much in fact, and she answered:

"Oh, my darling, don't you know you are the noblest, most perfect of all God's creatures—the handsomest, bravest, tenderest, wisest of all men on earth?" and much more to the same effect, adding that the wonder was that he could find anything to love, to admire in her, a savage thing, etc. All this was so new to them, so rare and wonderful, that they imagined it had never occurred before.

"Did others ever love as we do?" was their constant query.

But it was delightful, delicious and would have reconciled a man to endure any existence whatsoever to dwell in such bliss. No wonder that for a long time he forgot all about Kulcan's difficulties and his darling's imminent danger. When he did remember it was with a sudden start that caused her to look up into his face in alarm and whisper, "What is it, my own?" in tender solicitude. Her eyes were on his face constantly, and she had grown to read each change of feeling, each mood, almost each thought, as it left its scarcely perceptible imprint on his countenance or shone in his dark eyes. She read there his reluctance to tell the tale of her brother's misdoings. In truth he hardly knew how to begin it.

When he did he found to his surprise that she was not nearly as shocked as he had expected. She was, in common with all Atzlans, so used to tales of sudden risings and fallings in the fortunes of gamesters that her brother's losses seemed unworthy of much anxiety, for when his luck turned would he not win it all back?

But when Eric, somewhat piqued at her indifference—the passiveness of a woman resting in her lover's arms—told her of Kulcan's last and most desperate wager the color fled from her cheeks, leaving them ashen in the moonlight, and with terror in her eyes she threw her arms wildly about his neck, crying:

"I am lost! I am lost!"

Not for an instant did she discredit the legality of the transaction; its full meaning and horror were plain to her, and for a moment she forgot her lover's power, seeing only the awful, unavoidable fate before her—to be torn from his arms, a victim to the lust of a depraved man—not even a wife—for the fatal wager, so hastily made, gave her to him as a chattel.

A convulsive shudder shook her frame, and her clasp upon Eric's neck was like the clutch of a drowning woman as she clung to him in her fear. But only for a moment. Then, like Kulcan, she turned to him for help and strength.

"You will save me, my darling, I know; but, oh, I was so frightened that I forgot you for a moment. Yes, I was frightened, but now I'm not. It has gone—all my terror—and my noble love will keep his own unharmed."

And in a moment more it really seemed as if she had dismissed the matter from her mind, for she said:

"Now take me home, dear, for it is growing late, and my eyes are heavy with sleep."

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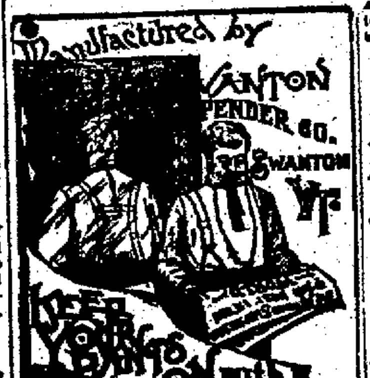

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